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(SBU) CT Coordinator Nathan A. Sales' Meetings with
Saudi Government Officials
November 6-7, 2018

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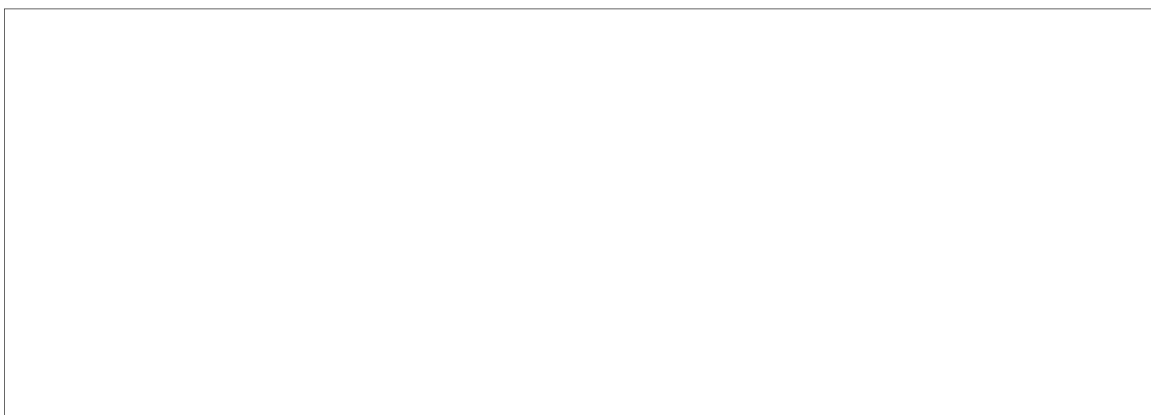
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To: Tueller, Matthew H
Cc: Munir, Junaid Jay; Wadhvani, Rajeev M; NEA-ARP-Yemen Desk-DL; Davis, Eugenia W; Caruso, Andrew N
Subject: AMB Nominee Henzel - draft brief and Q&A
Attachments: 2018-11 Henzel Testimony Draft.docx, Henzel Q-A testimony SFRC Nov 2018-md.docx, S Hill briefing - Yemen points.docx

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Hello Ambassador Tueller,

CDA Henzel asked us to share with you a draft of his statement and Q&As for his Hill confirmation. Would you please take a look at the attached and let us know if you have any concerns? We are hoping to send around for wider laterals on Friday.

I am also attaching Q&A we drafted for the S Hill brief, [REDACTED]
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Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving,

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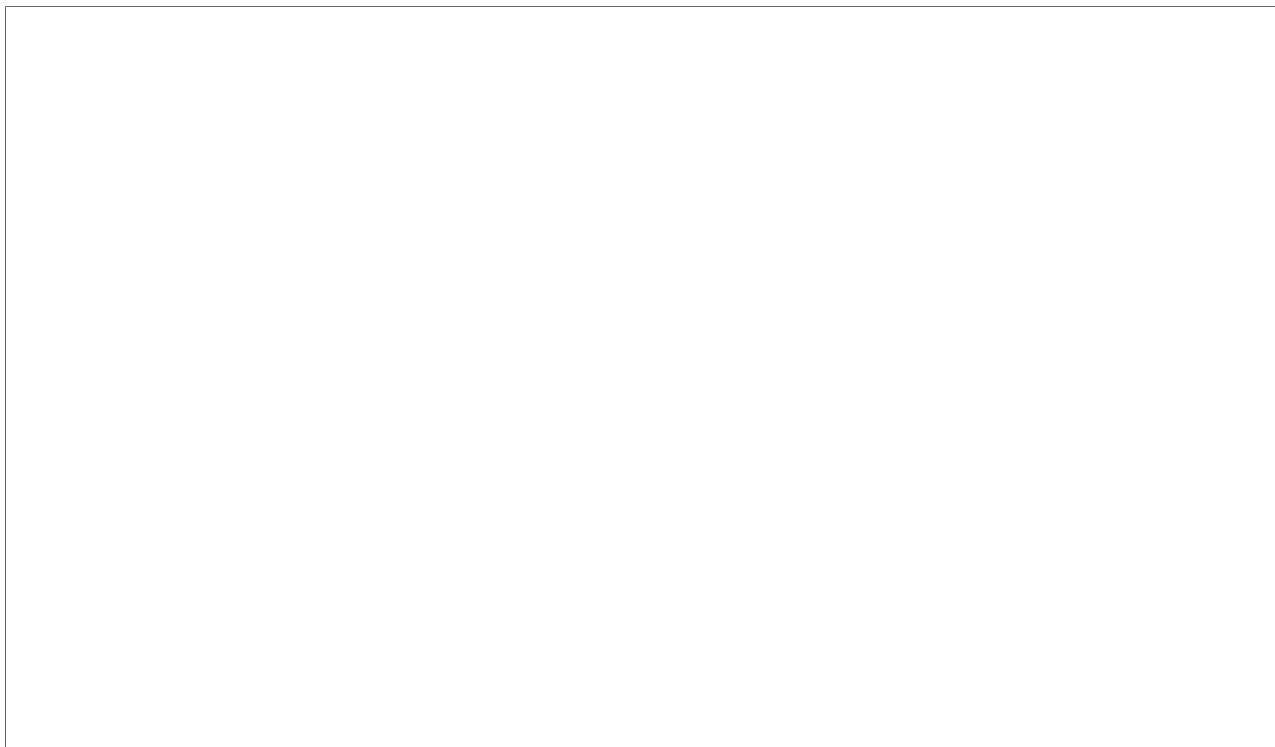
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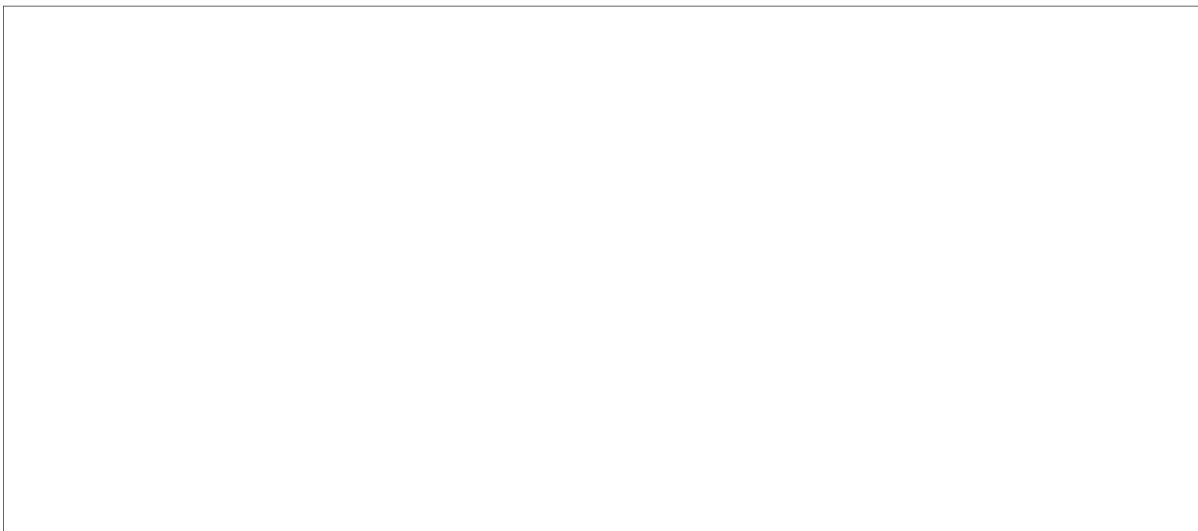
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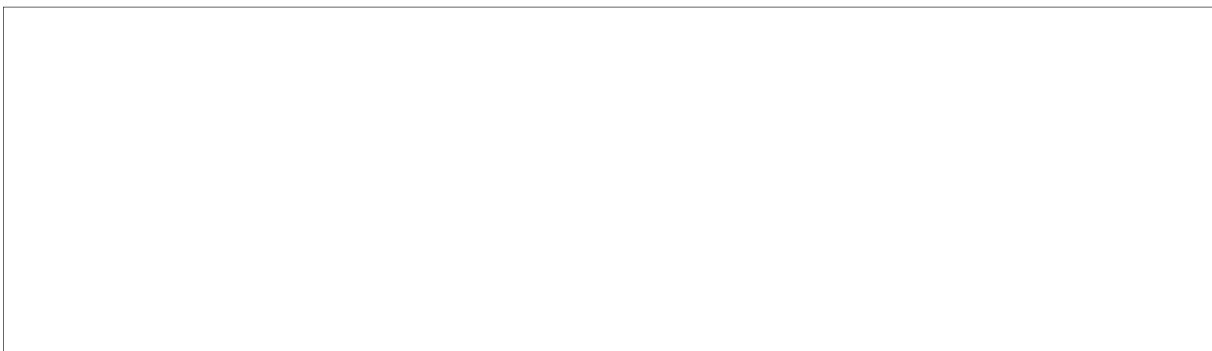
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To: Hale, David;Kenna, Lisa D;Satterfield, David M;Polaschik, Joan A
Cc: Pounds, Timothy J;Wadhwani, Rajeev M;Pratt, Jonathan G;Zittle, Aleksandra P
Subject: Additional Khashoggi Points for S

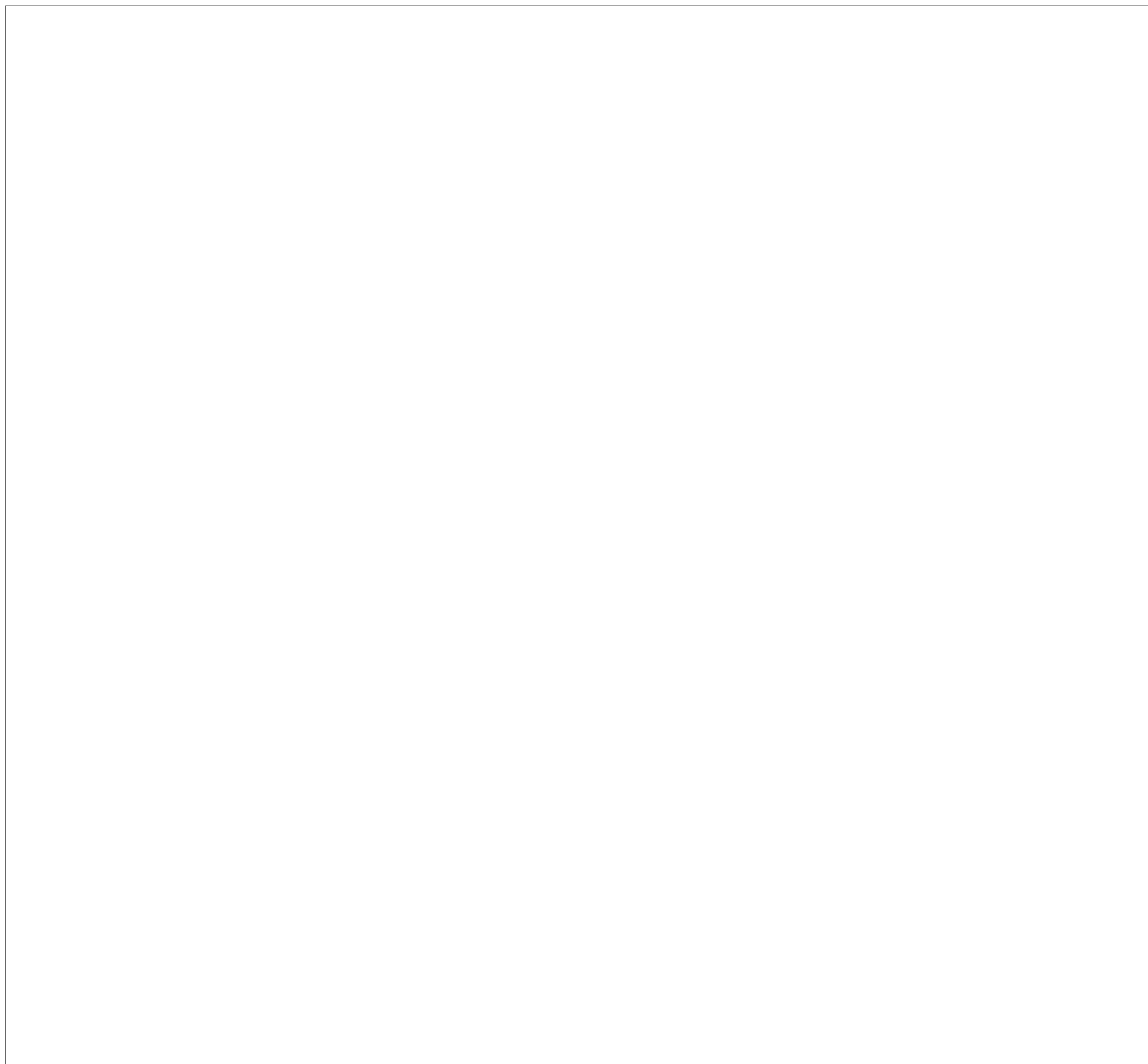
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Here are some additional points on Khashoggi that might be useful to S tomorrow during his meeting with the SFRC.

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To: Zittle, Aleksandra P
Subject: Any chance to look at the Abizaid testimony I sent earlier?
Attachments: 20190228AbizaidTestimonyV4.docx

It's with the PDAS now.

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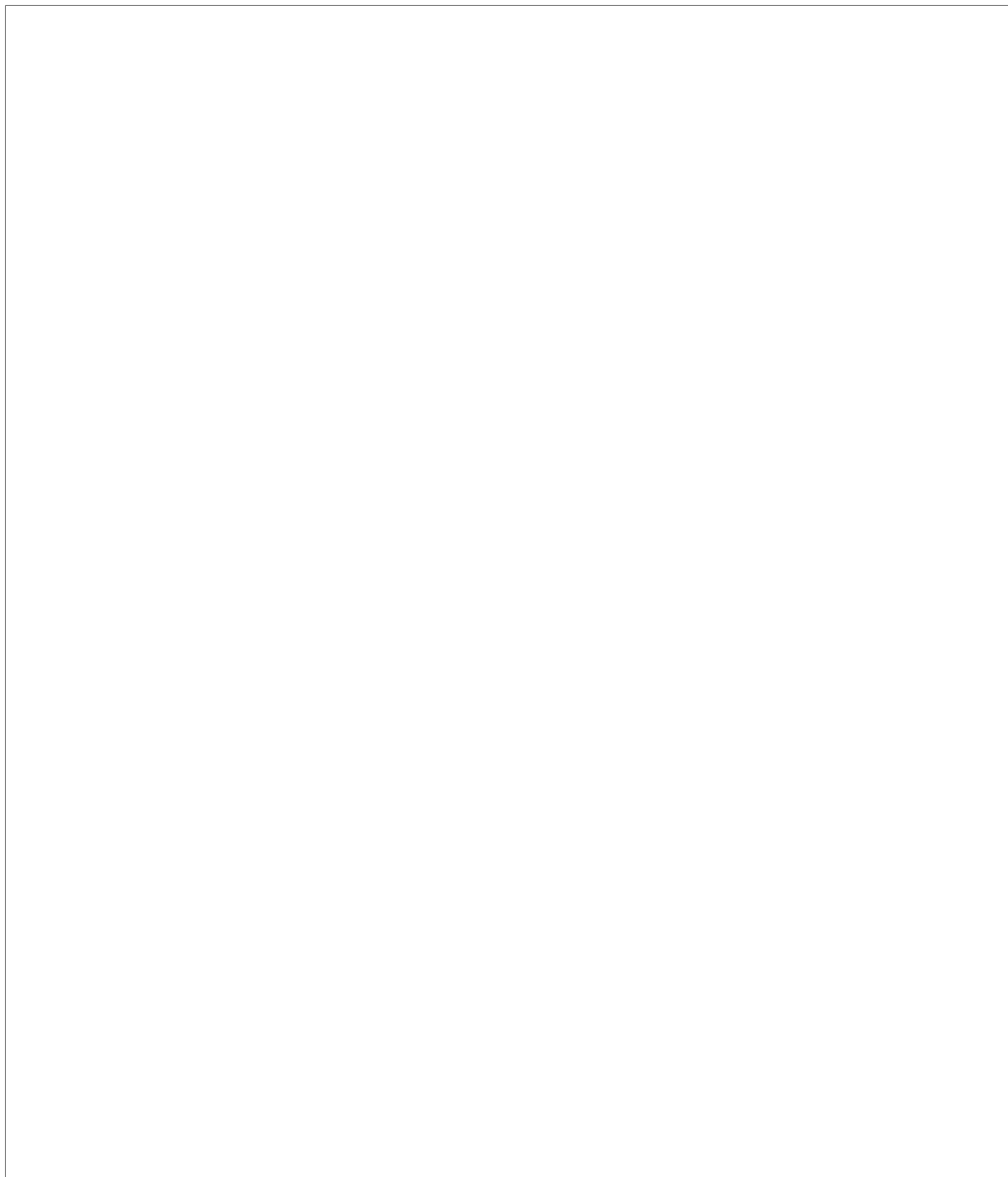
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Statement by John P. Abizaid
Nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
March 6, 2019

Chairman Risch, Ranking Member Menendez, Members of the Committee:



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No Response

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From: Miller, Tiernen
Sent: Fri, 15 Feb 2019 14:48:38 +0000
To: Satterfield, David M;Lenderking, Timothy A;Pounds, Timothy J
Subject: Another Glomag/Khashoggi letter

Risch, Rubio, Johnson, Gardner, Graham, Isakson, Barrasso, Portman, Young, and Cruz
apparently sent this letter, but we haven't received it yet. This is letter #3.

The Honorable Mike Pompeo

Secretary

U.S. Department of State

2201 C Street N.W.

Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to follow up on the Committee letter of October 10, 2018 to the President requesting a determination on the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (Global Magnitsky Act) with respect to any foreign person responsible for the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and your response thereto.

As you know, the Global Magnitsky Act requires that the President, upon receipt of a request from the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, determine whether a foreign person is responsible for an extrajudicial killing of an individual exercising freedom of expression. The Global Magnitsky Act requires the President to report to the Committee within 120 days of the request with that

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determination and with a decision on the imposition of sanctions on the foreign person or persons responsible for the killing.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 8, 2019 stating that the President has determined that indeed seventeen Saudi nationals were responsible for the death of Jamal Khashoggi.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts to brief the Committee on matters relating to the Khashoggi killing and U.S. policy with respect to Saudi Arabia, and we encourage such engagement. Our foreign policy is strongest when our two branches of government can work together. We further appreciate the President's imposition of sanctions on November 15, 2018 on seventeen Saudi nationals believed to be connected with the Khashoggi killing. We understand that the President sanctioned these individuals, many occupying high positions in the Royal Court and ministries of the Saudi government, under the authority provided in the Global Magnitsky Act. This action by the President is an important step forward in support of human rights. We understand that investigations are ongoing, and we request a classified briefing on the status of all these matters by the administration in a timely manner.

We ask that you update Congress, as requested in the Committee letter dated October 10, 2018 and required by the Global Magnitsky Act, on the President's determination with respect to any foreign person responsible for the Khashoggi murder, including with respect to the highest ranking officials in the Government of Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wed, 31 Oct 2018 07:11:36 -0400
To: Strong, Martina A
Subject: For approval: Cable on Clerical Reactions to Khashoggi Announcement
Attachments: 18.10.31 Clerical Reactions to Khashoggi Announcement_revised.docx

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Martina,

The attached cable is for your approval.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: Murphy, Sean X
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 2:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: For clearance: Revised - Clerical Reactions to Khashoggi Announcement

Clear with edits as noted.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Murphy, Sean X
Subject: For clearance: Revised - Clerical Reactions to Khashoggi Announcement

Sean,

Political's revised cable on clerical reaction to the Khashoggi case is attached for your clearance.

Best,

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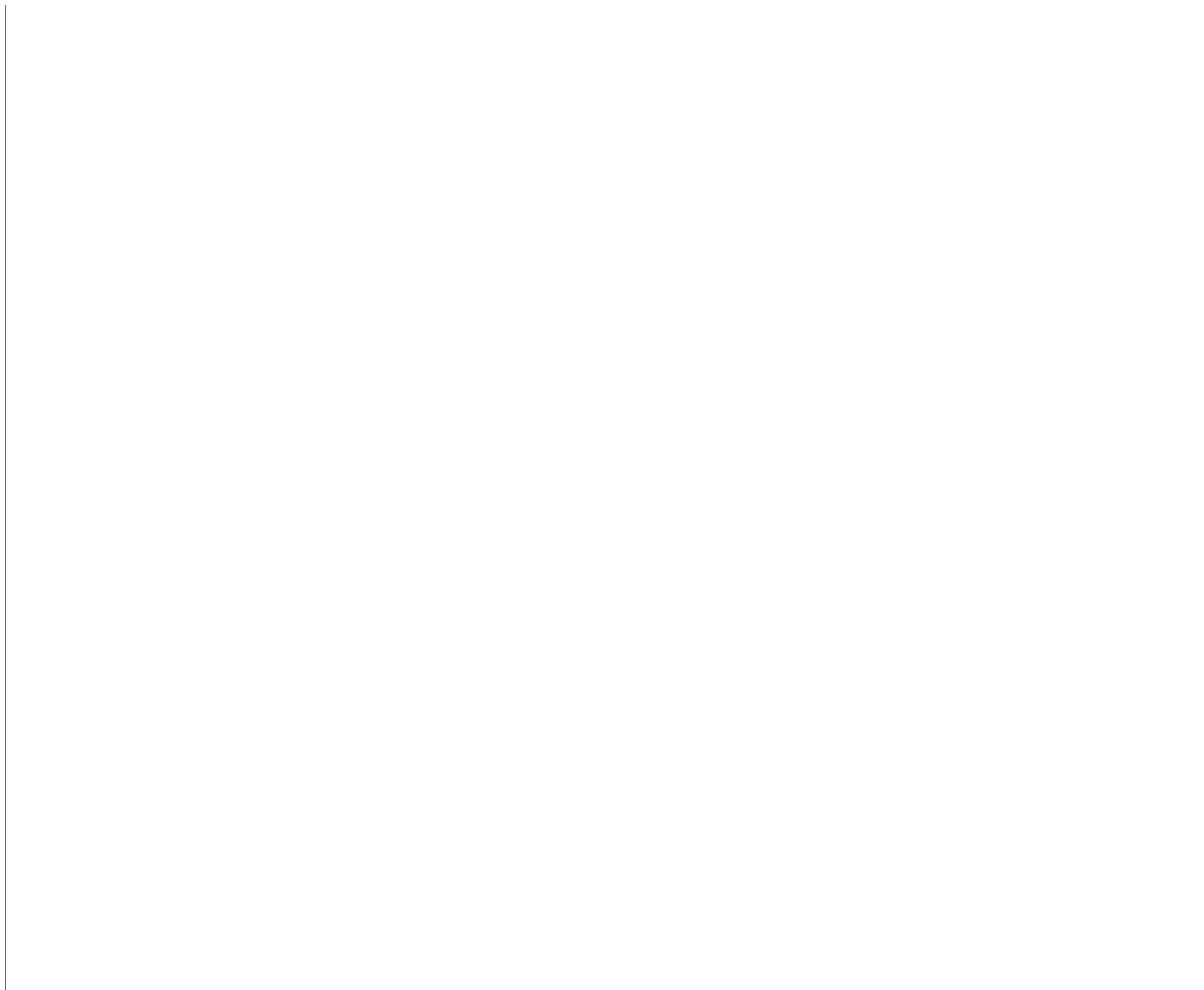
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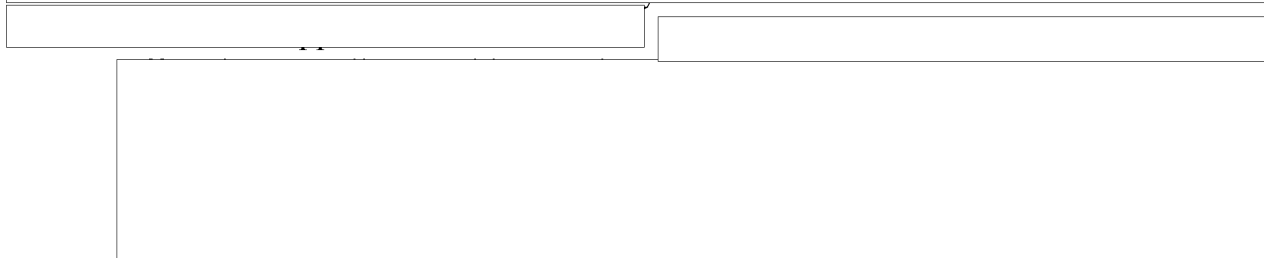
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Cc: Chris Henzel (HenzelCP@state.gov); Strong, Martina A (Sofia)
Subject: Email from KBS

Did you receive the same?

From: K Salman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 6:38 PM
To: Fontenrose, Kirsten B. EOP/NSC <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Dear Kirsten, I wanted to let you know that the Public Prosecutor issued a statement highlighting the investigation's preliminary results. Another statement by a senior official has been also issued. Both statements indicated that Jamal Khashoggi was killed in the consulate in an operation that was intended to negotiate his return to the Kingdom. 18 individuals who are responsible for the incident have been detained for further investigation. Further, a royal decree has been issued relieving a number of officials from their posts including the deputy president of GIP Ahmed Asiri, other senior intelligence officials, as well as Minister Saud Al Qahtani. I will provide you with more details on the ongoing investigation once I am back in Washington.

Khalid Bin Salman

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 15 Nov 2018 13:10:49 -0500
To: Hop, Neil W; [REDACTED]
Bcc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FINAL REVIEW: PPO Announcement on Khashoggi Charges
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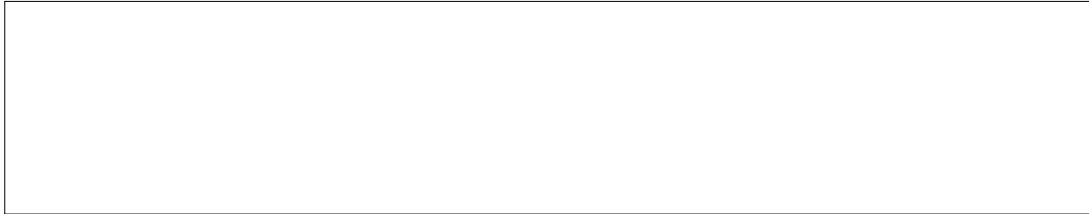
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Subject: EB Daily Action Report - November 19, 2018

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Highlights:

- **Global Magnitsky Designations of 17 Saudi Individuals**



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Global Magnitsky Designations of 17 Saudi Individuals

~~(SBU)~~ Yesterday the Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Department of State, and the Attorney General, designated 17 individuals involved in the murder of Jamal Khashoggi.

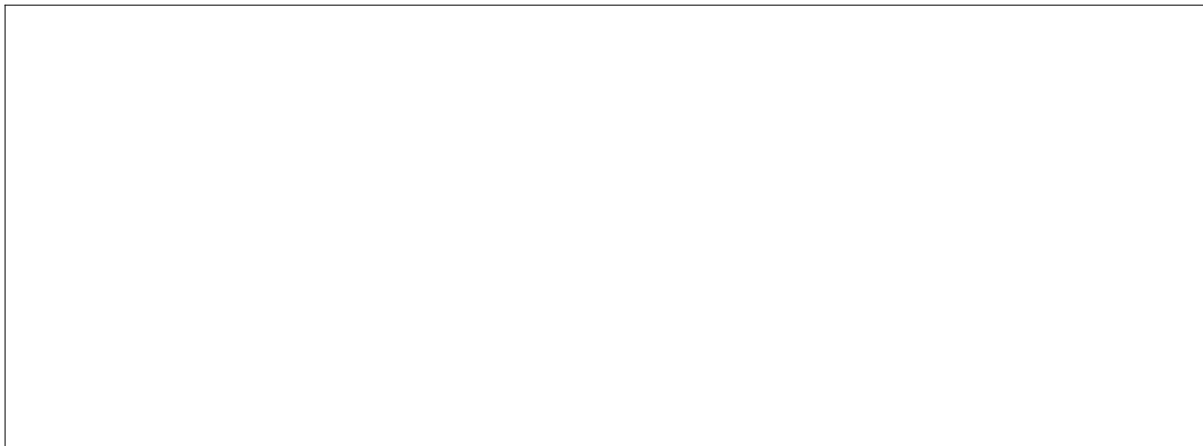


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[REDACTED] SPI's critical engagement with timely information sharing has significantly expanded the reach of the United States initial actions to promote accountability in Saudi Arabia. We will continue to support the Secretary's direction to follow all leads and work with partners to ensure those responsible for the murder of Mr. Khashoggi are exposed and that the Government of Saudi Arabia conducts a thorough and transparent investigation.

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Subject: Scenesetter for Secretary of Energy Perry's December 9-10 Visit to Saudi Arabia

Summary

1. (SBU) Secretary Perry, Embassy Riyadh warmly welcomes you back to Saudi Arabia. Your visit to the Eastern Province comes at a time of oil price volatility, renewed sanctions against Iran, and political fallout from the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul. [REDACTED]

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Fallout from Khashoggi Murder, Push to Move On

3. (SBU) As President Trump has stated, the October 2 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was a

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terrible crime that is fundamentally inconsistent with American values. The U.S. government has taken decisive measures against the individuals responsible, including visa and sanctions actions applying the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act. For its part, Saudi Arabian leadership has condemned the killing of Khashoggi, conducted an investigation of the crime, and charged eleven people with committing a crime. The SAG is also investigating an additional ten people for their possible involvement. Commenting on Khashoggi's murder, Khalid al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources, stressed that while "no one...can justify or explain" it, the Kingdom is in the "midst of a historic transformation of unprecedented proportions...that will not be stopped." Similarly, Amin Nasser, CEO of Saudi Aramco, commented that "everybody is sorry for the death," but "...at the end of the day, we need to move beyond it."

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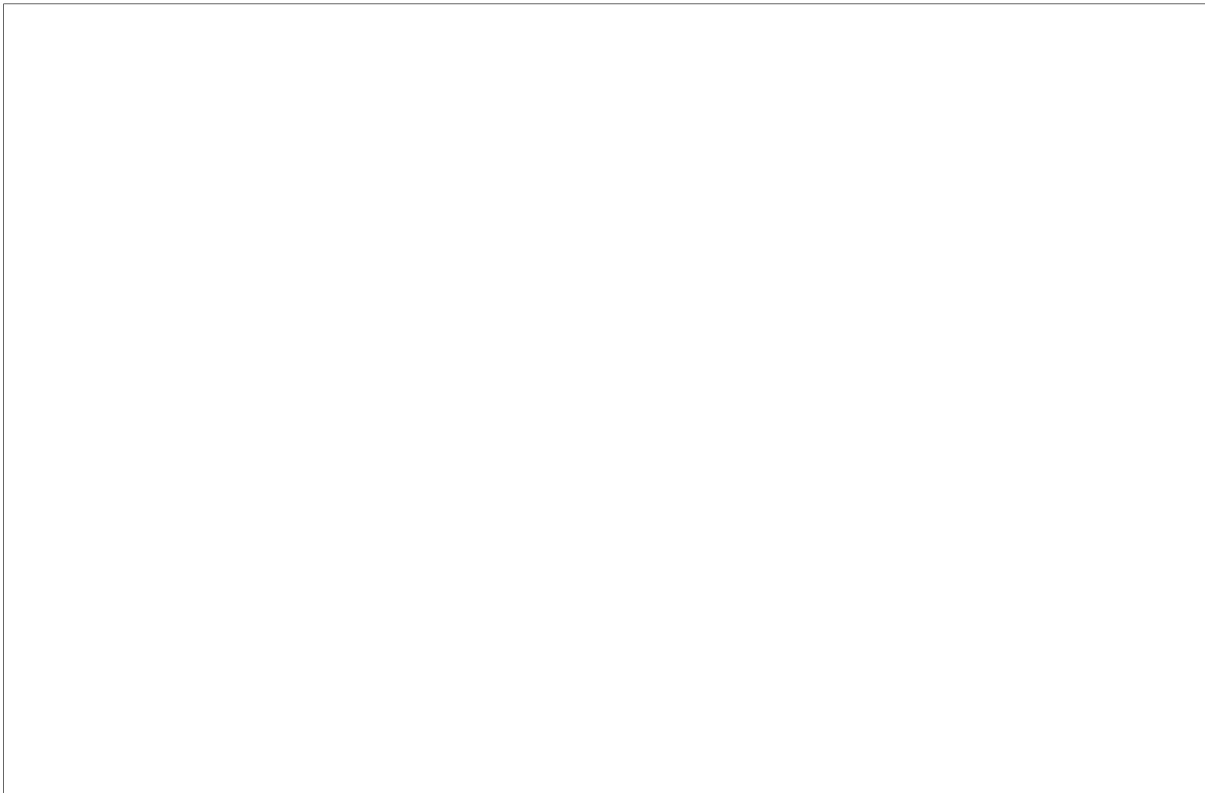
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CONS:Murphy, Sean X

EXEC: Strong, Martina

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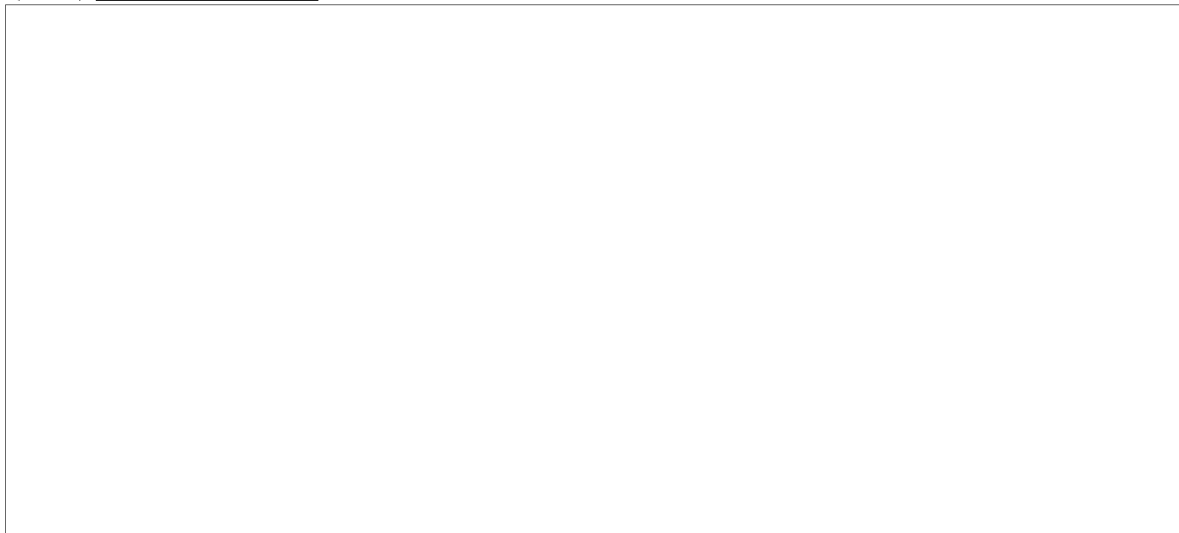
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(SBU) **Jamal Khashoggi:**



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Senior Saudi Arabia Desk Officer
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Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

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Subject: (SBU) Re: White House weighs booting Erdogan foe from U.S. to appease Turkey

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Subject: FW: White House weighs booting Erdogan foe from U.S. to appease Turkey

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Away Team – flagging this story; expect it might garner some attention your way. Ro

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NBC news report

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White House weighs booting Erdogan foe from U.S. to appease Turkey

Nov. 15, 2018 / 11:44 AM EST

By Carol E. Lee, Julia Ainsley and Courtney Kube

WASHINGTON — The White House is looking for ways to remove an enemy of Turkish President Recep Erdogan from the U.S. in order to placate Turkey over the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, according to two senior U.S. officials and two other people briefed on the requests.

Trump administration officials last month asked federal law enforcement agencies to examine legal ways of removing exiled Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen in an attempt to persuade Erdogan to ease pressure on the Saudi government, the four sources said.

The effort includes directives to the Justice Department and FBI that officials reopen Turkey's case for his extradition, as well as a request to the Homeland Security Department for information about his legal status, the four people said.

They said the White House specifically wanted details about Gulen's residency status in the U.S. Gulen has a Green Card, according to two people familiar with the matter. He has been living in Pennsylvania since the late 1990s.

Career officials at the agencies pushed back on the White House requests, the U.S. officials and people briefed on the requests said.

"At first there were eye rolls, but once they realized it was a serious request, the career guys were furious," said a senior U.S. official involved in the process.

A spokesman for the National Security Council declined to comment. The FBI also declined to comment.

The State Department, Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security did not respond to requests for comment.

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A lawyer representing Gulen declined to comment.

A Turkish official said the government does not link its concerns about the Khashoggi murder with Gulen's extradition case.

"We definitely see no connection between the two," the official said. "We want to see action on the end of the United States in terms of the extradition of Gulen. And we're going to continue our investigation on behalf of the Khashoggi case."

The secret effort to resolve one of the leading tensions in U.S.-Turkey relations – Gulen's residency in the U.S. – provides a window into how President Donald Trump is trying to navigate hostility between two key allies after Saudi officials murdered Khashoggi on October 2 at the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul.

It suggests the White House could be looking for ways to contain Erdogan's ire over the murder while preserving Trump's close alliance with Saudi Arabia's controversial de facto leader, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

The kingdom, after initially denying having any role in Khashoggi's disappearance, reversed course and admitted that Saudi officials were responsible for the killing. On Thursday, Saudi Arabia's top prosecutor recommended the death penalty for five out of the 11 suspects charged with killing Khashoggi. A total of 21 suspects have been arrested in connection with the case, according to Saud al-Mojeb.

Erdogan, meanwhile, has kept the pressure up by leaking pieces of evidence and repeatedly speaking out to accuse Prince Mohammed of orchestrating the murder of Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist and outspoken critic of the Saudi leadership.

Saudi Arabia is critical to Trump's Middle East policy. The White House's relationship with Prince Mohammed is key to Trump's goals of countering Iran and helping to reach an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. Turkey is a NATO ally in possession of evidence about Khashoggi's murder that positions Erdogan to stoke international outrage over Riyadh's culpability in and cover-up of Khashoggi's murder.

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Erdogan has for years demanded the U.S. send Gulen back to Turkey. The Turkish leader accuses the elderly cleric of being a terrorist who was behind a failed coup against Erdogan's government in 2016. After the coup attempt, Ankara made a formal request to the U.S. for Gulen's extradition.

One option that Turkish and Trump administration officials recently discussed is forcing Gulen to relocate to South Africa rather than sending him directly to Turkey if extradition is not possible, said the U.S. officials and people briefed on the discussions. But the U.S. does not have any legal justification to send Gulen to South Africa, they said, so that wouldn't be a viable option unless he went willingly.

Trump and Erdogan also recently discussed another option to relieve tensions — the release of Turkish banker Mehmet Hakan Atilla, who was sentenced in May to 32 months in prison by a U.S. federal judge for his role in a scheme to evade U.S. sanctions against Iran, two people familiar with the discussion said. Erdogan has criticized the case against Atilla as a political attack aimed at undermining his government.

The U.S. and Turkey have been engaged in negotiations over a series of sensitive diplomatic issues over the past few months, including a deal for last month's release of an American pastor, Andrew Brunson, who was imprisoned in Turkey and an agreement for joint U.S. and Turkish military patrols in Manbij, Syria.

Gulen, who has lived in self-imposed exile in the U.S. for almost two decades, denies any involvement in the failed coup in Turkey in 2016. A one-time ally of Erdogan, he's become an influential cleric with a wide network of followers known as "Gulenistas." His movement includes a host of non-profit organizations, businesses and schools, in the U.S., as well as South Africa. After Khashoggi's murder, Erdogan appeared to see an opportunity to ratchet up pressure on the Trump administration over Gulen, the U.S. officials and people familiar with the matter said.

Turkish officials made clear to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during his Oct. 17 meeting with Erdogan in Ankara that they wanted the Trump administration to turn over Gulen, the U.S. officials and people familiar with the matter said.

"That was their number one ask," said a person briefed on the meeting. Pompeo asked if Erdogan had new evidence of Gulen's involvement in the failed coup, prompting the Turkish leader to try to make the case that Gulen has terrorist ties, a senior U.S. official briefed on the meeting said.

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In remarks to reporters traveling with him, Pompeo acknowledged having discussed Gulen with the Turks. "We did talk about Fethullah Gulen and we talked about the set of issues surrounding that organization as well," Pompeo said. "It's something that the Turks remind us of often, and we're mindful of places that we can work with them to make sure that we all have a shared set of facts as well. But it's mostly not a State Department issue; it's mostly a Justice Department issue."

The Turkish official wouldn't discuss details of Erdogan's conversation with Pompeo but said: "The Gulen issue is a part of any diplomatic conversation that we're having with our American counterparts."

Pompeo, who also met with Saudi leaders in Riyadh on that same trip, briefed Trump on his discussions after returning to Washington.

The Trump administration later sent word to Erdogan that officials would reexamine the Gulen issue, the U.S. officials and people familiar with the matter said.

Justice Department officials responded to the White House's request saying the review of Turkey's case against Gulen two years ago showed no basis for his extradition and that no new evidence to justify it has emerged, the U.S. officials and others familiar with the requests said.

Trump administration officials then asked for other options to legally remove him, the U.S. officials and others said.

They said the White House specifically wanted details about the terms under which Gulen resides in the U.S. Officials from the law enforcement agencies informed the White House there is no evidence that Gulen has broken any U.S. laws, the U.S. officials and others familiar with the requests said.

The requests on Gulen in mid-October mark at least the second time the Trump administration has reexamined Turkey's extradition request since taking office. In the weeks after Trump's inauguration, the White House asked the Justice Department to review Gulen's case, NBC has reported.

Some officials have described the first request as a routine part of a new administration reviewing its relationship with a key ally. The request, however, took place under Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, whose ties to Turkey came under scrutiny in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election meddling. Flynn, who resigned in February 2017, entered into a plea agreement with Mueller last December and has been cooperating with the investigation.

Turkey provided boxes of materials to the U.S. in 2016 that Erdogan says shows Gulen was behind the failed coup. But officials at the Justice Department and FBI didn't find evidence that met the standard for extradition, which requires U.S. prosecutors to determine that someone committed crimes abroad that would also be illegal in the U.S.

Relations between U.S. and Turkey have been strained under Trump.

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Khashoggi's disappearance after entering Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul introduced new friction. Turkey publicly accused Saudi Arabia of flying in an assassination team to murder Khashoggi. The two countries have long been rivals.

Amid Saudi denials over Khashoggi's disappearance, Turkey ramped up international pressure on Riyadh by leaking its possession of evidence, including recordings from inside the consulate that Turkey officials say show the Saudi government murdered Khashoggi.

After nearly a month, Saudi Arabia admitted its government officials carried out a premeditated murder of Khashoggi. The government, though, has insisted Prince Mohammed knew nothing of it in advance. Some officials from the U.S. and other countries have said they believe otherwise.

Erdogan said this past weekend that he's given Turkey's audio recording of Khashoggi's murder inside the consulate to U.S., U.K., Saudi, French and German government officials. His comments were a public reminder of the evidence Erdogan could expose at a time of his choosing, if he wanted to put pressure on the U.S. or Saudi Arabia. .

John Bolton, Trump's national security adviser, said Tuesday that U.S. officials who listened to Turkey's recording assessed it does not implicate Prince Mohammed.

Saudi Arabia has yet to disclose the location of Khashoggi's remains, and Turkey continues to put public pressure on Riyadh.

Trump has expressed reluctance to respond too strongly given Saudi Arabia's economic and strategic value to the U.S. At a news conference last week, Trump said he is working with Turkey, Congress and Saudi Arabia to determine next steps and will have a "much stronger opinion" on Khashoggi's killing over the next week.

Following the Saudi prosecutor's announcement Thursday, the Treasury Department announced sanctions against 17 people for their suspected role in Khashoggi's murder.

The group includes Consul General Mohammed Alotaibi, who was in charge of the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, as well as senior Saudi officials and members of the suspected assassination team who arrived in Istanbul in the hours before Khashoggi disappeared.

The 17 were sanctioned under the Magnitsky Act, which bars foreign officials from entering the U.S. and freezes any assets they have in American banks.

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Dear colleagues,

I would appreciate your clearance of the attached BCL for DAS Fisher's meeting with FCO Deputy Director for the Americas, Adam Bye by 4:00 pm today.

NEA/IR, I would appreciate your filling in the background for the Iran point as the most recent background we had was not suitable for an SBU document.

London: I am including you mainly FYI, but welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

Best,

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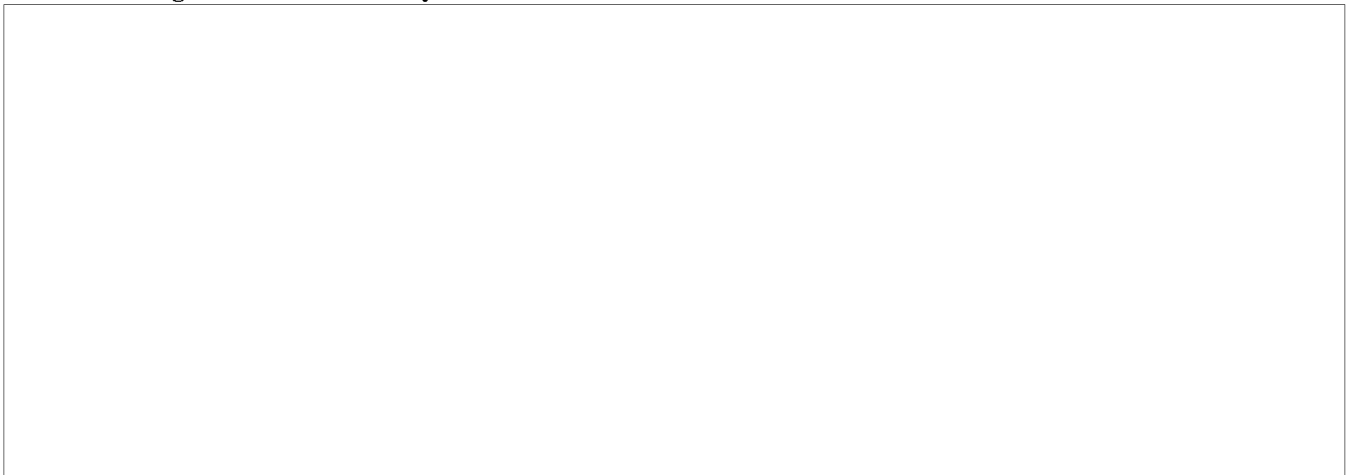
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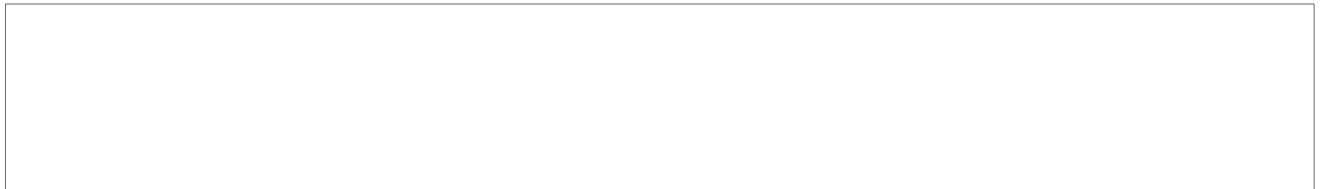
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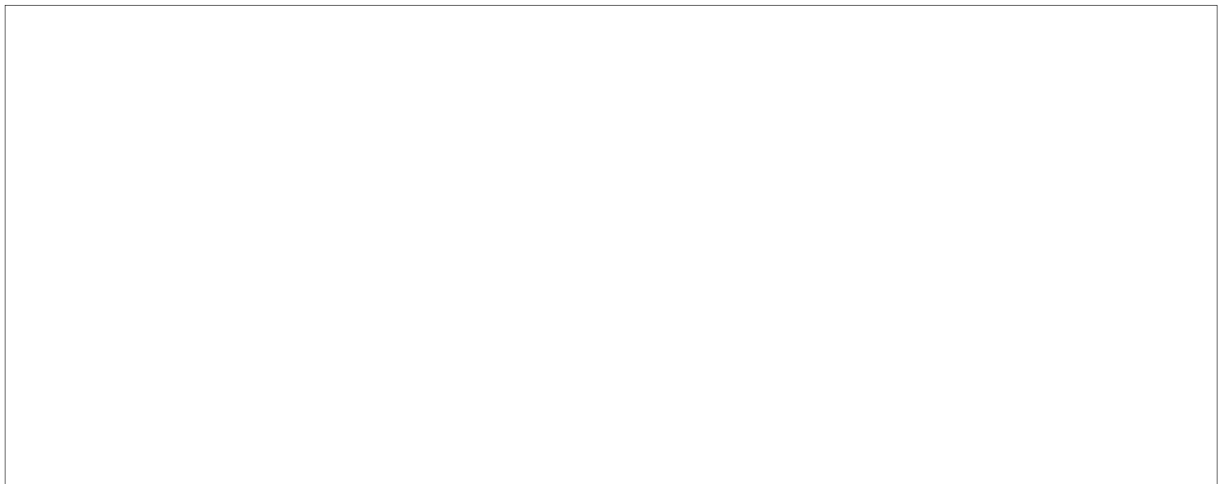
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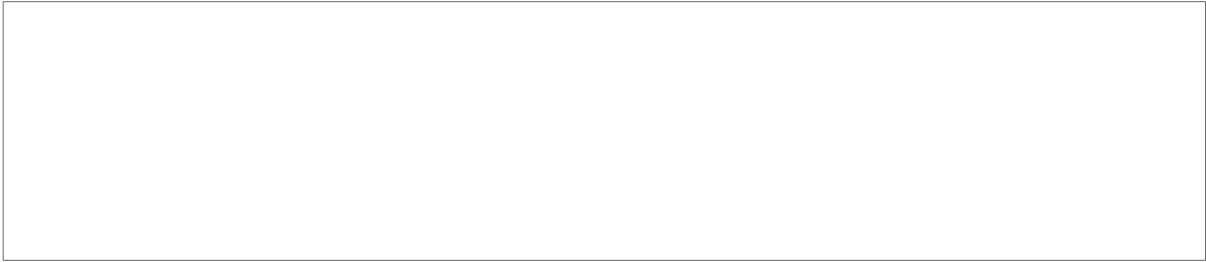


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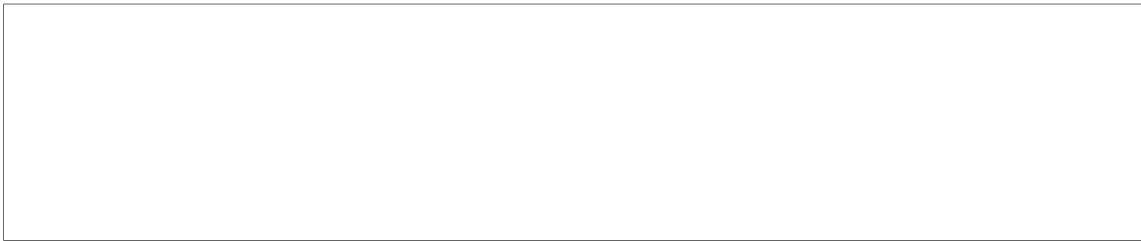
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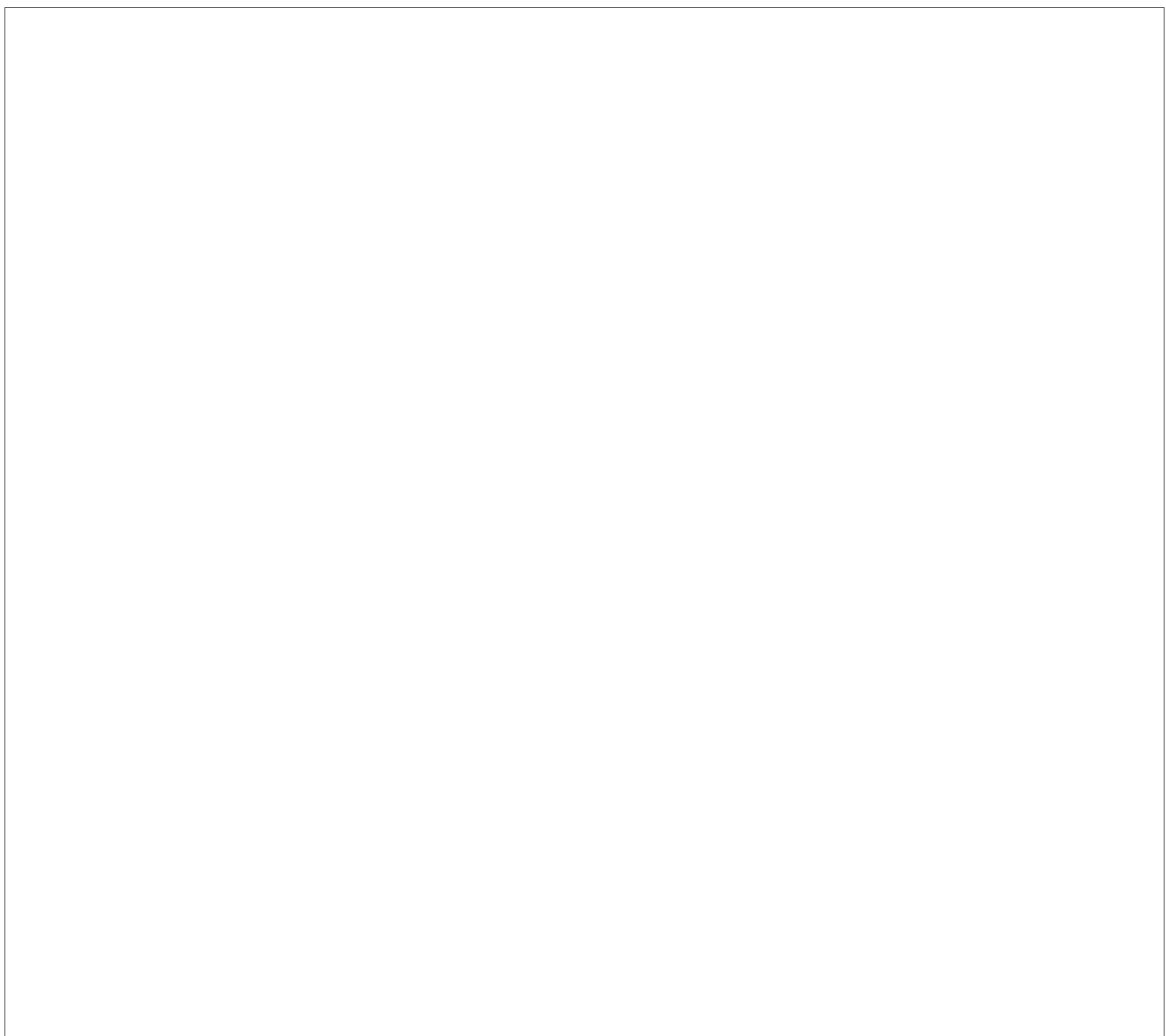
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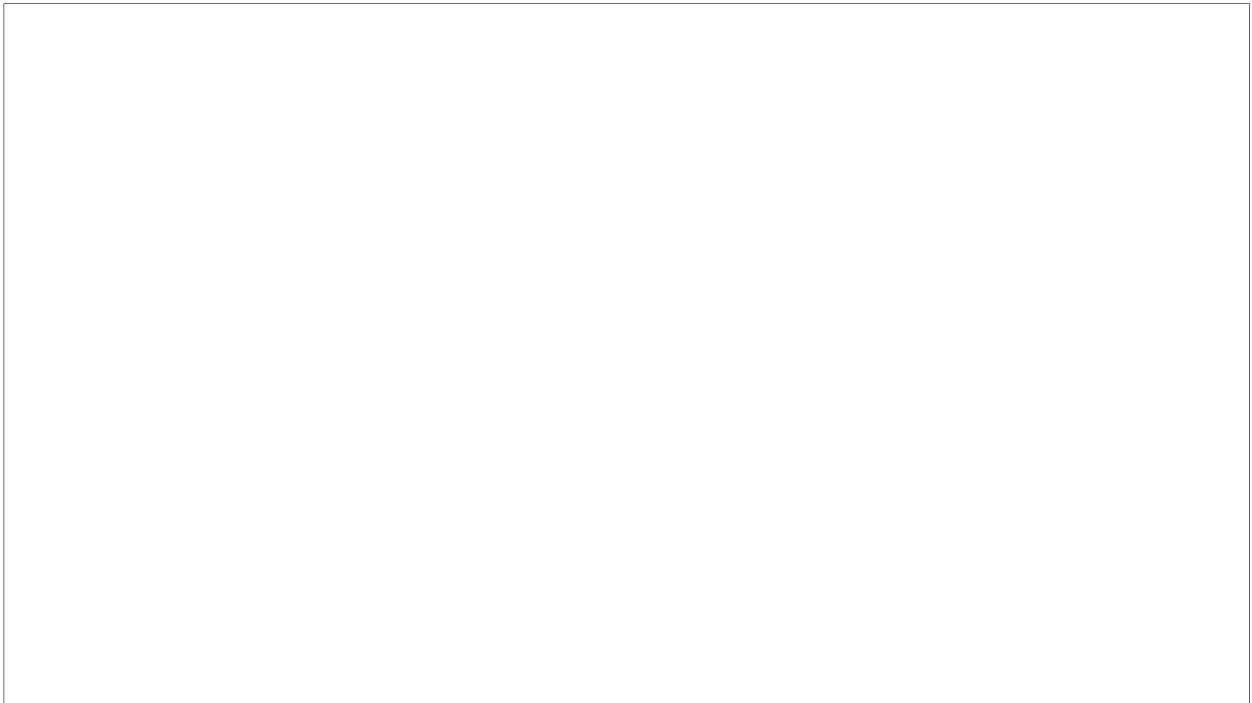
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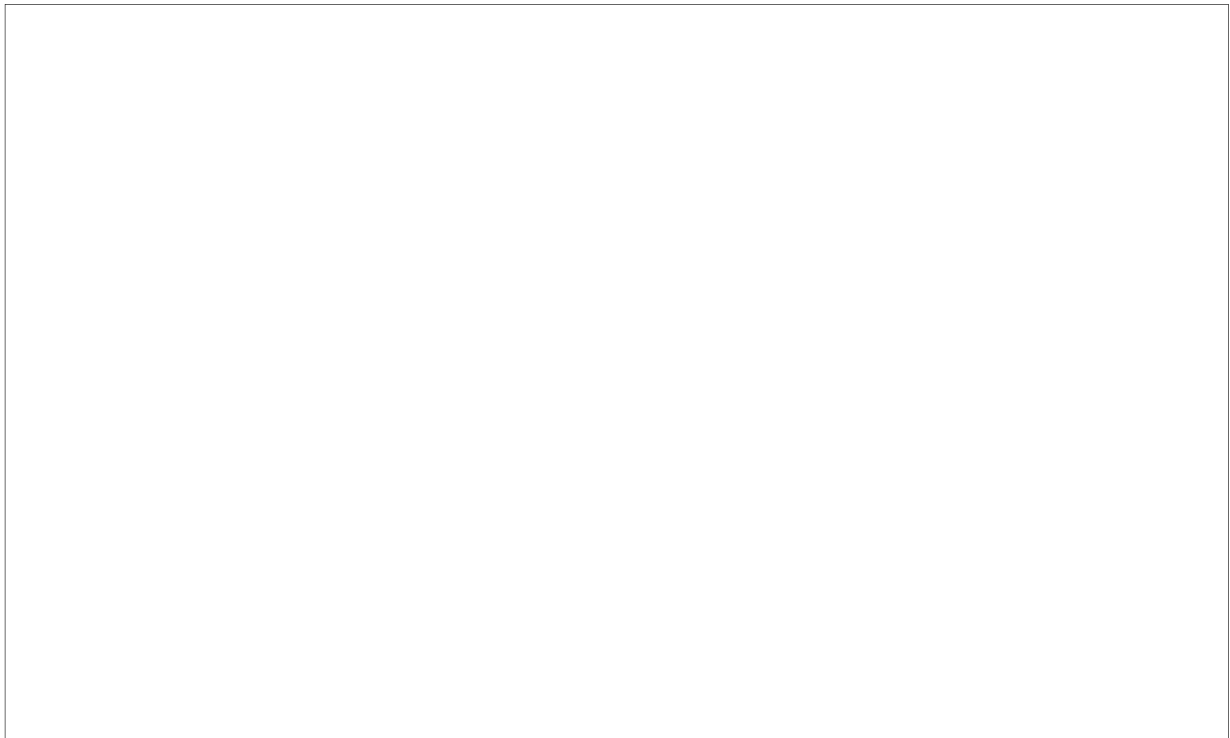
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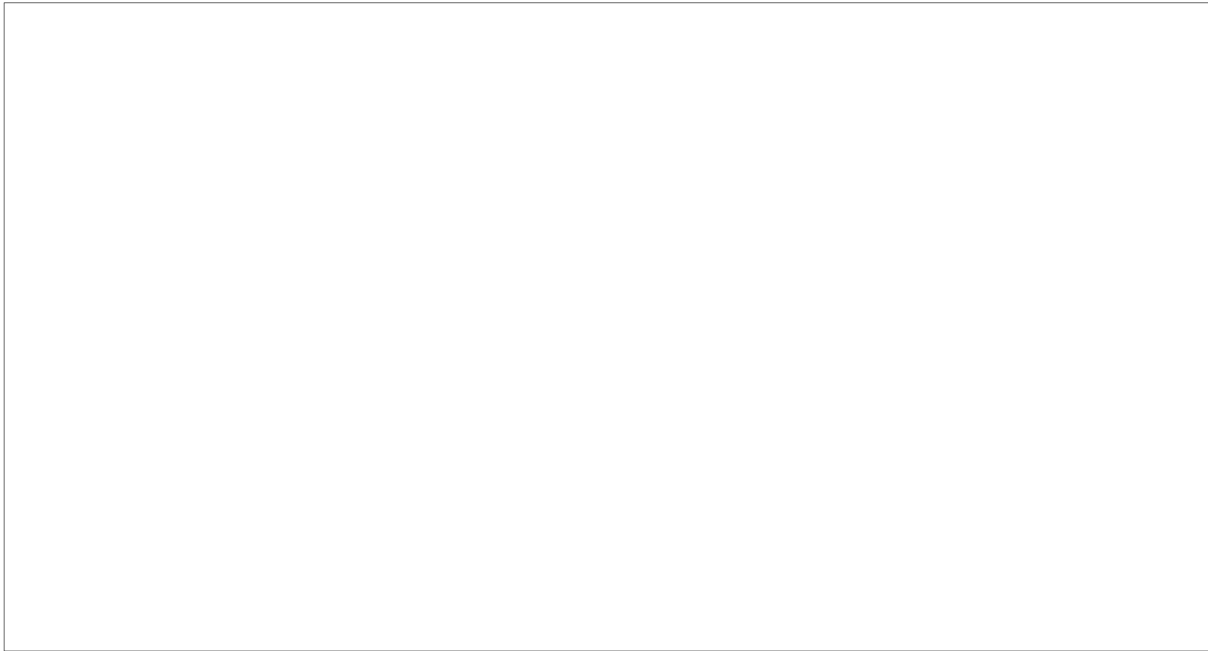


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Subject: URGENT: Input to Abizaid Qs and As by NOON

Good morning colleagues,

Washington sent an updated Qs and As document with proposed answers to the list of questions you saw yesterday. Would you please quickly take a look and send my any input by noon? Please add track changes/comments to the attached document on top of PAS edits.

Thank you,

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Vanessa



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Subject: FW: Abizaid Update + Briefing Materials

Importance: High

Colleagues,

I would appreciate your review of the attached documents. I marked my comments in the briefing paper. I added a couple of questions to the Qs and As document. Please send your changes by noon on Monday to Vanessa, who is sitting in for David – use the RiyadhStaffAssistant email address. Vanessa will collate all changes/additions and run it by Sean and me. Many thanks, Martina

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[REDACTED] The current plan is for him to come back to HST on Thursday, February 21 for additional consultations and a murder board in preparation for meetings with SFRC staffers the following day.

In preparation for these engagements, we are endeavoring to complete briefing materials by COB Wednesday, February 20. [REDACTED]

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We would greatly appreciate if you could clear on the briefing/issue papers by COB Tuesday EST.

As for the Q&As -- these are a work in progress, so we are sharing just the list of questions with you now for visibility. Once we've completed the answers, we'll include Post on our broad clearance request to various HST offices (this will likely take place on Monday).

Best,

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Sean,

Here you go. Many thanks to Geraldine for the write-up. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Tracy

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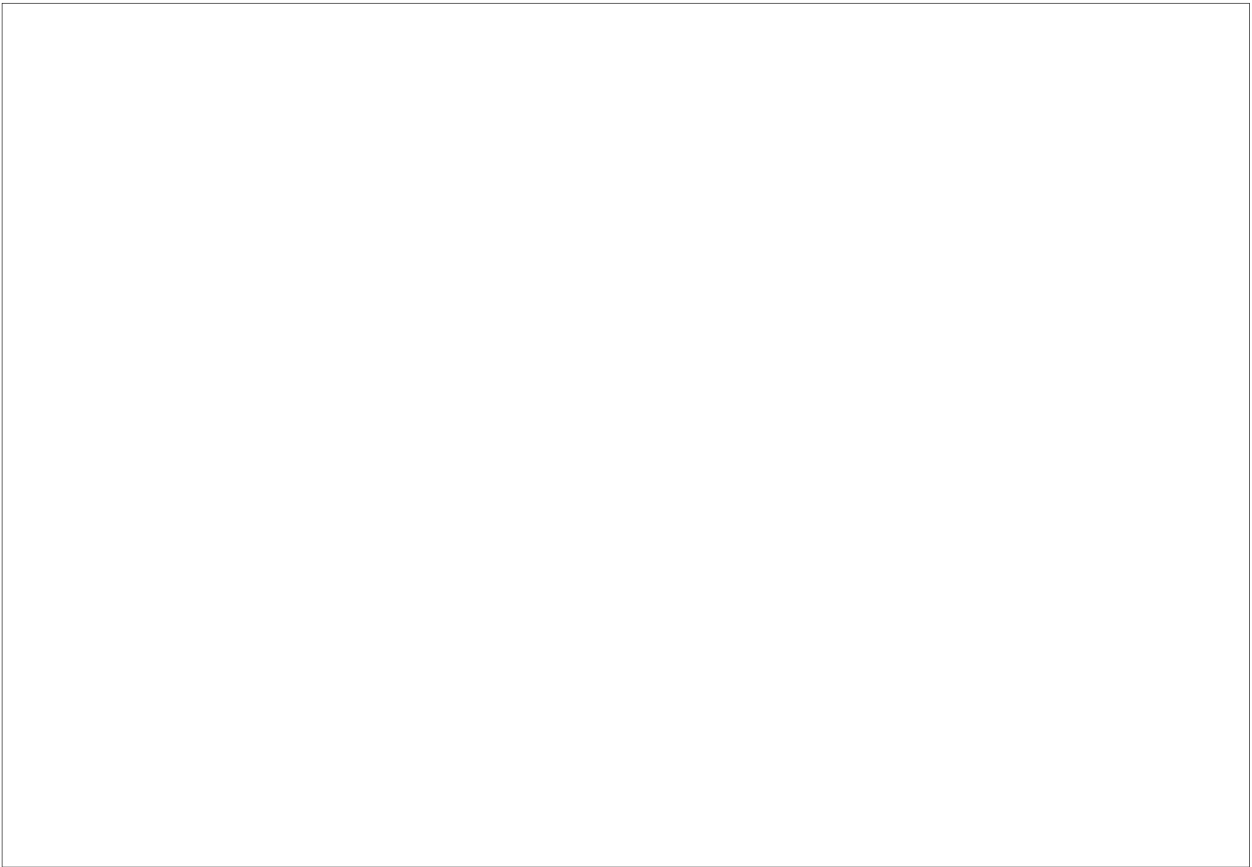
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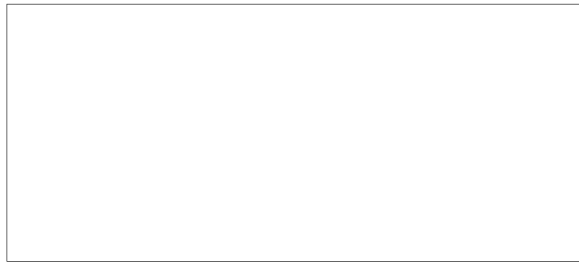


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Hello all who work on sanctions issues:

Attached is the draft of Chapter 16 of the 2018 Digest, which covers sanctions as well as export controls. The draft relies mainly on the Federal Register and State Department releases. Plus some materials that some of you sent me during the year (thank you!). I am certain that there are plenty of sanctions actions that are missing. The chapter also probably needs better organization in some places. But the first priority is to identify what is missing. I have also highlighted some subheadings for which I didn't find any actions in 2018 and would appreciate you confirming that there were none. Please identify what needs to be added and send me materials this week. I will then prepare a revised draft to send you before I come out on March 25.

Apologies for not pinpointing in all offices those who work on sanctions. I would appreciate you sanctions specialists in L/EB telling me of other attorneys who should see this chapter.

Thanks,

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Dear Staffers,

Attached is the BCL and Bio for Ambassador Kozak's meeting with General Abizaid tomorrow.

Best,

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Forwarding our cable on the Fil, which just went out. Thanks, Darren

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Note: Embassy Riyadh staff did not attend the FII, per Department guidance. This report is comprised of information from contacts, the conference's livestream feed, press releases, and media reports.

1. ~~(SBU)~~ **Summary:** Despite the long shadow cast by the international furor over Jamal Khashoggi's death, the Saudi Arabian government (SAG) soldiered on with its Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh October 23-25, designed to bring together global economic leaders and showcase investment opportunities in the Kingdom. Marked by a wave of high-profile cancellations of sponsors, speakers, and attendees, Saudi leaders filled seats at the Ritz-Carlton by reaching out to friendly regional countries to urge them, with some apparent success, to organize large, last-minute delegations. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MbS) told FII attendees that Khashoggi's death was "a heinous crime that cannot be justified," and said the perpetrators would be brought to justice. He also touted the Kingdom's strong economic performance, claimed the Middle East was entering a 30-year renaissance, and said his "personal war" is to put the region at the "forefront of the world." During the FII, a long list of "mega deals" was announced totaling \$50 billion in the energy, mining, and transportation sectors; several deals were with major U.S. companies. China and Russia featured prominently, with a session on the shift of investments from "west to east," and the frequent use of Chinese and Russian speakers and panelists. While there was standing room only at both the opening and during MbS' remarks, contacts and observers noted that, in contrast to last year, Saudis significantly outnumbered foreigners. **End Summary.**

Acknowledgment of Khashoggi's Death and Need for Justice, Then Calls to Move On

2. ~~(SBU)~~ Though widely expected to open the conference, MbS first appeared during the afternoon of the FII's opening day, October 23. Contacts told EconOffs that a number of attendees left their seats in the auditorium at Riyadh's Ritz-Carlton to greet MbS as he entered the room. The Crown Prince had a broad smile and stopped to take several selfies with conference attendees, while receiving a standing ovation. When MbS appeared the following day (October 24) to participate in a Q&A session, he was warmly welcomed again. Press reports indicated that cheers could be heard in the auditorium as he entered. In his remarks during the joint Q&A session with Bahrain's Crown Prince Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Lebanon's Prime Minister Saad Al-Hariri, MbS first addressed Jamal Khashoggi's death, saying the crime was "painful to all Saudis and every human in the world," and claiming that "all due legal processes" were being carried out to "find the truth and bring the perpetrators to justice." He denied any tensions with Turkey, emphasizing that the efforts by "many" to drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and Turkey would not succeed. MbS said that Saudi Arabia's security institutions needed to be restructured, just as the SAG had significantly restructured the economy. [Note: MbS' remarks were preceded by a highly publicized call between MbS and Turkey's President Erdogan, their first conversation since Khashoggi's killing. End Note.]

3. ~~(SBU)~~ Earlier in the conference, Lubna Olayan, the newly named Chairperson of SABB

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Bank and one of the wealthiest and most prominent women in the Middle East, spoke briefly about Khashoggi's death, expressing support for Saudi leadership. She said "the terrible acts reported in recent weeks are alien to our culture and our DNA," and voiced confidence that the Saudi leaders and government would ensure the "truth [emerges]." Khalid al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources, said these were "difficult days for us in Saudi Arabia," and that the Kingdom was going through a crisis resulting from the "very regrettable and abhorrent incident that took place in Turkey." Al-Falih also said that while "no one... can justify or explain" Khashoggi's death, he emphasized that the Kingdom is in the "midst of a historic transformation of unprecedented proportions... (and) that will not be stopped." Amin Nasser, CEO of Saudi Aramco, told CNN that "everybody is sorry for the death (of Khashoggi)," but quickly followed by saying "... at the end of the day, we need to move beyond it."

MbS Points to Economic Success, Claims Middle East Entering 30-Year Renaissance

4. ~~(SBU)~~ Citing Dubai as the model of success, MbS said its ruler Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum "set the example" for how the Middle East can succeed economically. [Note: The Sheikh attended the FII and was seated in the front row during MbS' remarks. End Note.] By doing so, he said, the Sheikh had encouraged all the countries of the region to achieve their goals. MbS pointed to the successful reforms in Saudi Arabia, highlighting strong economic growth and government revenues, improvements unemployment, development of new economic sectors, and growth of the Public Investment Fund, which he said could increase from \$315 billion today to \$500 billion by the end of 2019. The Crown Prince also mentioned economic successes in Bahrain, Kuwait, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan – and even Qatar, which he said has a strong economy. MbS closed by saying it was his "personal war" to change the Middle East and put it at the "forefront of the world." Several contacts who attended the conference told Embassy Officers that the audience, comprised of many Saudi and Middle Eastern attendees, responded with strong emotion and pride to MbS' remarks. MbS' claim that the region was entering a 30-year renaissance and would be the "New Europe" brought a standing ovation from the overflowing auditorium.

Saudis Scramble to Keep FII On-Course after High-Profile Cancellations

5. ~~(SBU)~~ In the final tally, at least 68 high-profile leaders from government, business, finance, and the media publicly cancelled their participation in the FII, due to concerns over Jamal Khashoggi's death. In the days leading up to the conference, Saudi leaders were pushing for business and government leaders to confirm their attendance. According to a senior executive with a Fortune 500 American electrical products manufacturer, the company's CEO was contacted less than a week before the FII by a senior Saudi businessperson to personally invite him to attend, while insisting that only the CEO could participate. In response to a question from the media about companies cancelling, Saudi Aramco CEO Amin Nasser said that "the (companies) we're doing business with are here." Observers noted that a number of gulf country leaders issued public statements expressing support for Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and the FII ahead of the conference, with very similar talking points.

6. ~~(SBU)~~ Despite these efforts, high-profile cancellations continued. On the opening day of the

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conference, CEO of SoftBank Masayoshi Son cancelled his speech and withdrew from the conference. [Note: Given the timing, this appears to have been a difficult decision for the CEO, as Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) is the largest investor in SoftBank's \$100 billion Vision Fund; the PIF has committed \$45 billion to the fund. End Note.] *Bloomberg* reported on the day of the opening that Siemens CEO Joe Kaeser also withdrew from the conference, during which he was scheduled to sign a power-plant contract worth up to \$20 billion. And Embassy contacts who attended the conference noted that programs were neither distributed nor communicated, and that all details on the FII's website, which had earlier been successfully hacked (see paragraph 12), had been removed the morning the conference opened.

7. ~~(SBU)~~ Some companies that attended the FII publicly defended their decision. The CEO of French energy company Total defended his participation, saying that "we see what partnership means when you have difficult times; this is when you really strengthen a partnership." Total signed several agreements during the conference, including construction of a petrochemical plant and development of retail gasoline stations. *The Washington Post* reported that in its interviews at the conference with American companies, executives said although they were "jolted by Khashoggi's gruesome killing," they emphasized that "business ties between the United States and Saudi Arabia are far too valuable to be disrupted by it," and that although the Khashoggi case was "shocking... ultimately it would be only a hiccup in the business world." A senior Vice President with Singapore's sovereign wealth fund told EconOffs that she decided to attend primarily to assess the fallout from Khashoggi's death.

\$50 Billion Flurry of So-Called "Mega Deals" Include American Companies

8. ~~(SBU)~~ For nearly two hours, a long list of so-called "mega deals" was announced at the FII, representing a purported \$50 billion in the energy, mining, and transportation sectors. U.S. companies were among those signing MOUs and commercial agreements, including Halliburton, Baker Hughes GE, Schlumberger, Air Products and Chemicals, FlexSteel Pipelines, National Oilwell Varco, and Greenbrier Companies. Two-thirds of the stated value of the deals (\$34 billion) were signed by Saudi Aramco, and include new petrochemical plants, retail gasoline stations, refineries, a gasification power project, manufacture of onshore oil rigs, and new drilling equipment and installation. According to Saudi Aramco, the agreements – with firms from France, China, United States, Japan, UAE, United Kingdom, South Korea, and India – will support the company's downstream, offshore, and engineering business units. Other deals announced promised to develop a wide-range of projects, including copper mines, a high speed railway, maritime industries, and a \$10.6 billion railway land-bridge to connect the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf ports, among others. In support of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 strategy, FII moderators announced that several of these projects will involve localization, in particular an expansion of the manufacturing base in Saudi Arabia.

Deliberate Message that Saudi Arabia is Looking Eastward for Investment

9. ~~(SBU)~~ The Saudi Arabian government (SAG) sent very clear messages at the FII that it is looking "eastward" for foreign direct investment. Despite the number of western companies signing agreements (see para 5) with Saudi Aramco and SAG ministries, much of the conference featured China and Russia. The FII's opening panel included Yasir al-Rumayyan,

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head of the FII's sponsor PIF, as well as Kirill Dmitriev, CEO of Russian Direct Investment Fund, the country's sovereign wealth fund. Dmitriev noted that more than 20 executives from Russian banks and energy companies attended the FII, and said that in the last three years, a number of joint Russian-Saudi projects had been launched with a value of \$10 billion. In an interview with CNBC, Dmitriev said that Khashoggi's death should be viewed as "separate" from Saudi leaders. Dmitriev met with Crown Prince MbS on the margins of the FII to discuss bilateral investment and other economic issues, according to the Saudi Press Agency. Other prominent Russian attendees included Sergey Gorkov, Russia's Deputy Minister of Economic Development, and Andrey Kostin, President and Chairman of VTB Bank.

10. ~~(SBU)~~ A session during the FII's opening day focused on the "geographic shift of investments from west to east," and included panelists from the UAE, Bank of China Intl/Hong Kong, Softbank, and DP World UAE. Panelists claimed that investments from Asia are "catching up" to the United States, with Asia recording a 117 percent increase in total venture capital funding in 2017. The Saudi moderator noted that investors in the East have a "better understanding" of Saudi Arabia's characteristics and goals. Like their Russian counterparts, Chinese speakers and panelists featured prominently. In addition, the Minister of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources signed an agreement with Chinese company Panasia to develop a petrochemicals complex in Jizan, Saudi Arabia.

Conference Atmospherics

11. ~~(SBU)~~ The conference opened with a slick, multi-media presentation with loud music, lasers, and videos on large, high-definition screens. A voiceover said "the next generation of game changers is here, in this room," and mentioned previous "dreamers" such as Marie Curie, Thomas Edison, and Mark Zuckerberg. Under every seat in the auditorium was a large hardcover book entitled "A Blueprint for the Twenty Second Century." Contacts told EconOffs that, unlike last year's premiere FII, at this year's event Saudis significantly outnumbered foreigners. A *Bloomberg* reporter noted that as the first day progressed, the main auditorium was "slowly deserted." He posted a short video of a nearly-empty auditorium, saying it showed the impact of many foreign investors not attending. Reflecting the increasing importance the Kingdom places on women in the workforce, a number of female moderators and panelists participated, such as Nadine Hani from *Al Arabiya*.

FII Website Hacked, Anti-Regime Photo and Message Posted

12. ~~(SBU)~~ The evening before the opening, the FII website was hacked and, for a brief period of time, featured a photo of MbS holding a sword over Jamal Khashoggi. Part of the accompanying caption read "For the sake of security for children worldwide, we urge all countries to put sanction(s) on the Saudi regime." The FII website was subsequently taken offline, only to reappear the following morning with all content having been removed. Only the livestream feeds (in English and Arabic) remained. Within one hour of the conference's opening, the livestream and website were again shut down; they were not restored until just before noon, two hours later.

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13. ~~(SBU)~~ In recognition of the symbolic importance of the FII to his Vision 2030 reforms, Crown Prince MbS soldiered through all the controversy in recent weeks to create the appearance of “business as usual.” Despite the rhetoric of the FII’s shift eastward, a number of American companies signed agreements with Saudi Aramco. As with all of the “mega deals” announced at the FII, it is difficult to determine how the \$50 billion figure was calculated or exactly what each MOU or commercial agreement entails. One business contact indicated that his firm’s deal was “real, but already in the works.” From post’s perspective, the jury is still out on how the international investment community will judge this year’s FII. What is clear thus far is that the SAG and Saudi business leaders pulled out all the stops in an effort to make the conference – and the Crown Prince – appear successful. **End Comment.**

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Dear Staffers,

Attached please find BCL for DAS Busby's participation in the Deputy's eighth meeting with NGOs on Yemen.

I will send the Deputy's paper package on the high side.

Best,

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Statement by John P. Abizaid
Nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
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[REDACTED] here's the rundown on 7031 for DAS Lenderking:

(SBU) The Department is congressionally required to make determinations on known human rights abusers. This requirement comes in Section 7031c of our appropriations bill.

(SBU) Given our Global Magnitsky Act sanctions and other information on individuals involved in Khashoggi's killing, we are required to make determinations on these individuals under this 7031c law.

(SBU) The Department will publicly announce those determinations via the State.gov website in the coming days.

(SBU) Important to note, these 16 individuals were already identified and publicly announced during the Global Magnitsky sanctions (which were posted on our website in November). There are no new names as part of this announcement.

(SBU) Much like the sanctions, this determination 1) publicly identifies and reports these individuals to Congress for involvement in a gross violation of human rights, and 2) restricts any U.S. visas. It does not apply any new financial sanctions. While this occurred in previous actions, the visa restrictions also apply to their immediate family members; however, family names will not be publicly announced.

(SBU) The individuals are:

1. Saud al-Qahtani
2. Maher Mutreb
3. Salah Tubaigy
4. Meshal Albostani
5. Naif Alarifi
6. Mohammed Alzahrani
7. Mansour Abahussain
8. Khalid Alotaibi
9. Abdulaziz Alhawsawi
10. Waleed Alshehri
11. Thaar Alharbi
12. Fahad Albalawi
13. Badr Alotaibi
14. Mustafa Almadani
15. Saif Alqahtani
16. Turki Alshehri

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***(IF ASKED) Why is Consul General Mohammed Alotaibi not on this list?** We are not proceeding with his determination under the 7031c law at this time; however, the Global Magnitsky Act sanctions still apply.

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Turkey Bilateral Issues:

Context: Your November 21 meeting with Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu built on the positive momentum

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- **Khashoggi:** We've spoken publicly about our goals: to impress upon Saudi leadership the seriousness to which the United States government attaches to a prompt and complete accounting of the murder of Jamal Khashoggi. To this end, on November 15, the United States imposed sanctions on seventeen Saudi Arabian

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individuals for serious human rights abuse resulting from their roles in the killing of
Jamal Khashoggi.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) Authorities

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INA 222(f), 8 U.S.C. 1202(f)

Confidential nature of records

The records of the Department of State and of diplomatic and consular offices of the United States pertaining to the issuance or refusal of visas or permits to enter the United States shall be considered confidential and shall be used only for the formulation, amendment, administration, or enforcement of the immigration, nationality, and other laws of the United States, except that—

(1) in the discretion of the Secretary of State certified copies of such records may be made available to a court which certifies that the information contained in such records is needed by the court in the interest of the ends of justice in a case pending before the court.[2]

(2) the Secretary of State, in the Secretary's discretion and on the basis of reciprocity, may provide to a foreign government information in the Department of State's computerized visa lookout database and, when necessary and appropriate, other records covered by this section related to information in the database—

(A) with regard to individual aliens, at any time on a case-by-case basis for the purpose of preventing, investigating, or punishing acts that would constitute a crime in the United States, including, but not limited to, terrorism or trafficking in controlled substances, persons, or illicit weapons; or

(B) with regard to any or all aliens in the database, pursuant to such conditions as the Secretary of State shall establish in an agreement with the foreign government in which that government agrees to use such information and records for the purposes described in subparagraph (A) or to deny visas to persons who would be inadmissible to the United States.

INA 212(a)(3)(C), 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(C)

Foreign policy

(i) In general

An alien whose entry or proposed activities in the United States the Secretary of State has reasonable ground to believe would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States is inadmissible.

(ii) Exception for officials

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An alien who is an official of a foreign government or a purported government, or who is a candidate for election to a foreign government office during the period immediately preceding the election for that office, shall not be excludable or subject to restrictions or conditions on entry into the United States under clause (i) solely because of the alien's past, current, or expected beliefs, statements, or associations, if such beliefs, statements, or associations would be lawful within the United States.

(iii) Exception for other aliens

An alien, not described in clause (ii), shall not be excludable or subject to restrictions or conditions on entry into the United States under clause (i) because of the alien's past, current, or expected beliefs, statements, or associations, if such beliefs, statements, or associations would be lawful within the United States, unless the Secretary of State personally determines that the alien's admission would compromise a compelling United States foreign policy interest.

(iv) Notification of determinations

If a determination is made under clause (iii) with respect to an alien, the Secretary of State must notify on a timely basis the chairmen of the Committees on the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and of the Committees on the Judiciary and Foreign Relations of the Senate of the identity of the alien and the reasons for the determination.

INA 212(f), 8 U.S.C. 1182(f)

Suspension of entry or imposition of restrictions by President

Whenever the President finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, he may by proclamation, and for such period as he shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate.

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**Full Text of Section 7031(c) of the
FY2018 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
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SEC. 7031.

(c) ANTI-KLEPTOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.—

(1) (A) **INELIGIBILITY.**—Officials of foreign governments and their immediate family members about whom the Secretary of State has credible information have been involved in significant corruption, including corruption related to the extraction of natural resources, or a gross violation of human rights shall be ineligible for entry into the United States.

(B) The Secretary may also publicly or privately designate or identify officials of foreign governments and their immediate family members about whom the Secretary has such credible information without regard to whether the individual has applied for a visa.

(2) **EXCEPTION.**—Individuals shall not be ineligible if entry into the United States would further important United States law enforcement objectives or is necessary to permit the United States to fulfill its obligations under the United Nations Headquarters Agreement: *Provided*, That nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to derogate from United States Government obligations under applicable international agreements.

(3) **WAIVER.**—The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that the waiver would serve a compelling national interest or that the circumstances which caused the individual to be ineligible have changed sufficiently.

(4) **REPORT.**—Not later than 6 months after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report, including a classified annex if necessary, to the Committees on Appropriations and the Committees on the Judiciary describing the information related to corruption or violation of human rights concerning each of the individuals found ineligible in the previous 12 months pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) as well as the individuals who the Secretary designated or identified pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), or who would be ineligible but for the application of paragraph (2), a list of any waivers provided under paragraph (3), and the justification for each waiver.

(5) **POSTING OF REPORT.**—Any unclassified portion of the report required under paragraph (4) shall be posted on the Department of State Web site.

(6) **CLARIFICATION.**—For purposes of paragraphs (1)(B), (4), and (5), the records of the Department of State and of diplomatic and consular offices of the United States pertaining to the issuance or refusal of visas or permits to enter the United States shall not be considered confidential.

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Summary

1. ~~(SBU)~~ Secretary Perry, Embassy Riyadh warmly welcomes you back to Saudi Arabia. Your visit to the Eastern Province comes at a time of oil price volatility, renewed sanctions against Iran, and political fallout from the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul. [REDACTED]

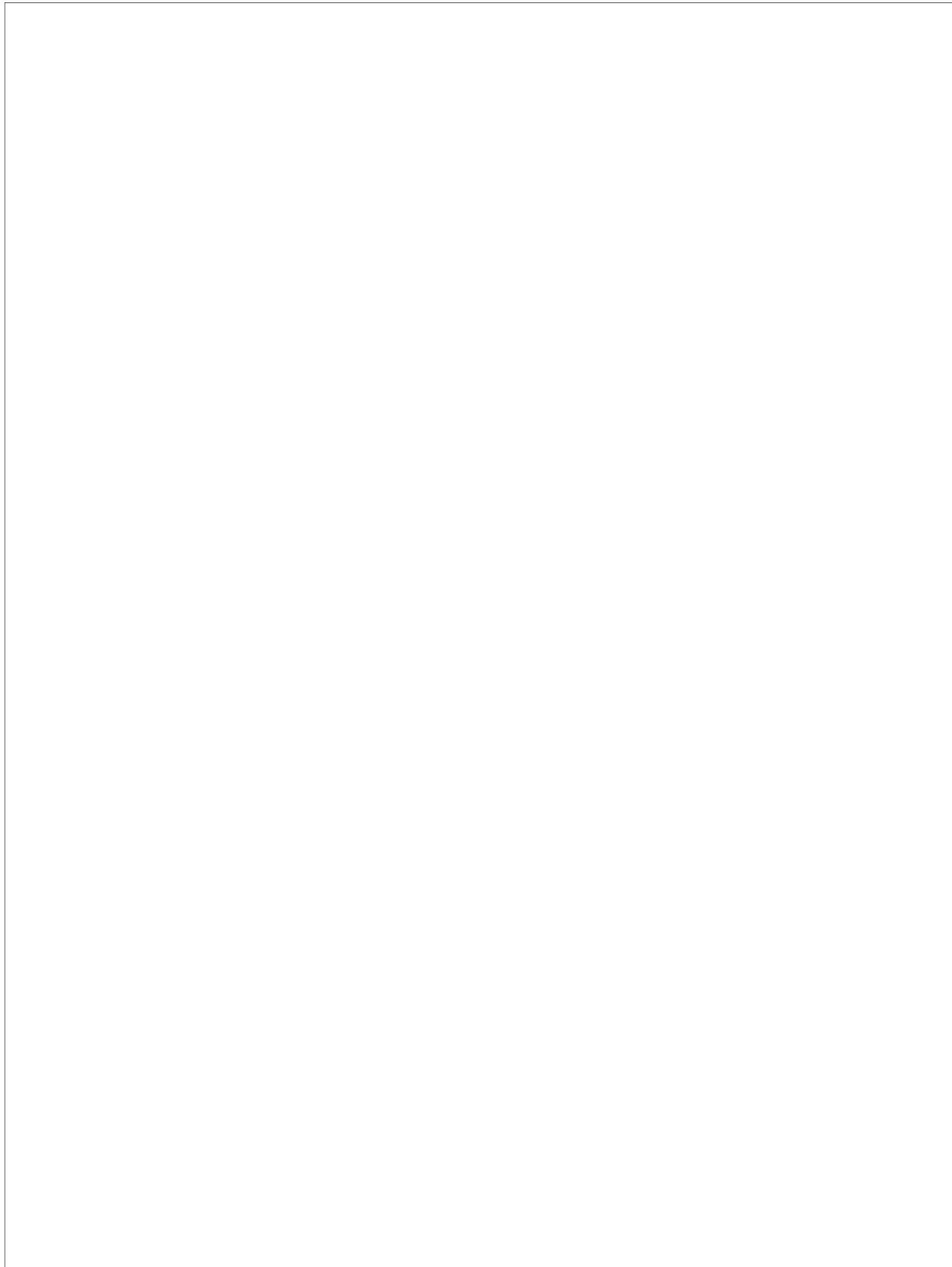
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Fallout from Khashoggi Murder, Push to Move On

3. ~~(SBU)~~ As President Trump has stated, the October 2 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was a terrible crime that is fundamentally inconsistent with American values. The U.S. government has taken decisive measures against the individuals responsible, including visa and sanctions actions applying the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act. For its part, Saudi Arabian leadership has condemned the killing of Khashoggi, conducted an investigation of the crime, and charged eleven people with committing a crime. The SAG is also investigating an additional ten people for their possible involvement. Commenting on Khashoggi's murder, Khalid al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources, stressed that while "no one...can justify or explain" it, the Kingdom is in the "midst of a historic transformation of unprecedented proportions...that will not be stopped." Similarly, Amin Nasser, CEO of Saudi Aramco, commented that "everybody is sorry for the death," but "...at the end of the day, we need to move beyond it."

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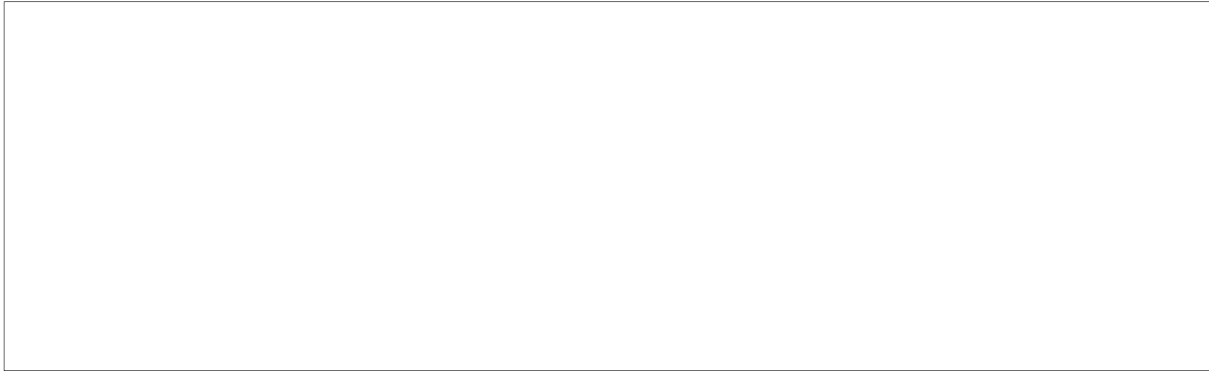


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I'll continue to shepherd the QA doc. Really hoping the 7th floor staffers chime in... Sending this to [redacted] and [redacted] in 15.

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DAS Timothy Lenderking

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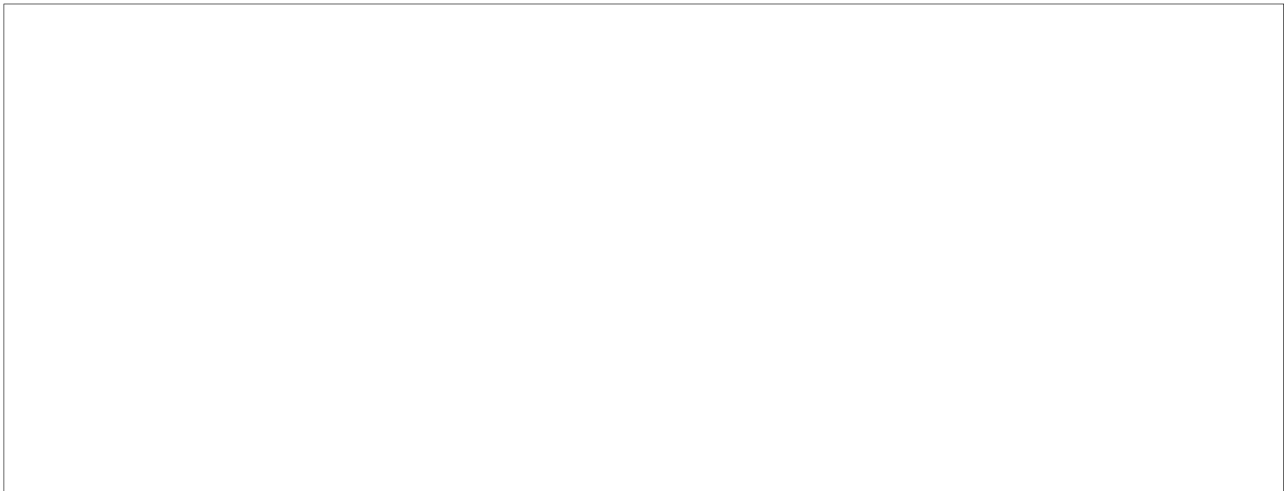
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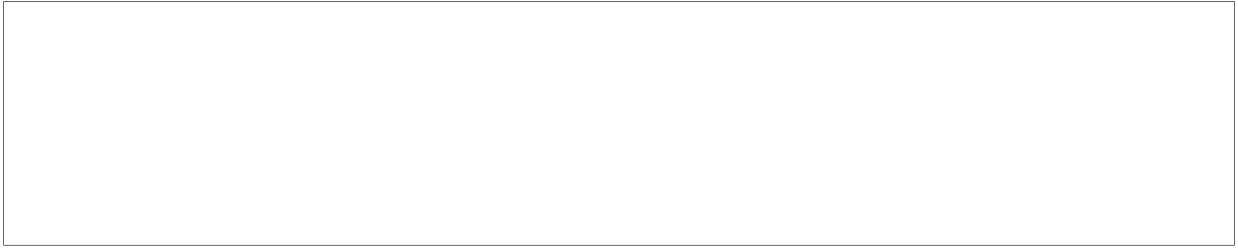
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Hi Vanessa, the attached includes my changes. Great job! Thanks for bringing it all together.

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Thanks, Martina

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The attached is for your clearance – Sean cleared with no edits.

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Sean,

For your clearance, the updated text for the Saudi UPR intervention is attached.

Best,

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For FO review—the latest text for our Saudi UPR intervention. The text will be delivered on Monday, so clearance by COB today would very much be appreciated.

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Subject: FW: Saudi Arabia UPR update request by 11/1 COB

[REDACTED] - we'll take a crack on our end and make sure this gets NEA FO review, but welcome your edits/thoughts.

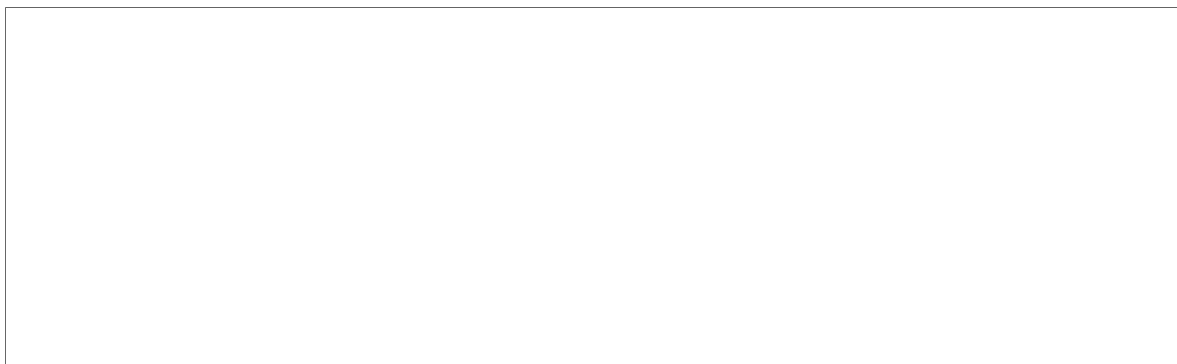
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Cc: Salih, Lana L <SalihLL@state.gov>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Sicade, Lynn M (DRL) <SicadeLM@state.gov>
Subject: Saudi Arabia UPR update request by 11/1 COB

Hello,

As you know the Saudi UPR intervention will be delivered on Monday Nov. 5th. It is already fully cleared as of 9/22 but we want to ensure we have the latest developments reflected. Could you re-confirm NEA clearance on the Jamal Khashoggi language as it exists or provide updates by COB tomorrow please?

Thank you,
Sarah



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Sent: Fri, 3 May 2019 10:52:52 +0000
To: Riyadh Staff Assistant
Subject: 19.05.02 BCL - Amb. Abizaid Dinner with Princess Reema adcmases cleared
Attachments: 19.05.02 BCL - Amb. Abizaid Dinner with Princess Reema adcmases cleared.doc

Monica, here is the revised Reema BCL. Please note that I had to revise heavily not just the checklist but also the bio. Share the revised bio with POL and make sure that they update their records.

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We'll add the classified attachments on Sunday.

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May 06, 2019

TO : Ambassador – John Abizaid

THROUGH : DCM – Martina Strong

FROM : POL – Neil Hop

SUBJECT : Dinner with HRH Princess Reema bint Bandar Al Saud
May 6, 19:30, Quincy House

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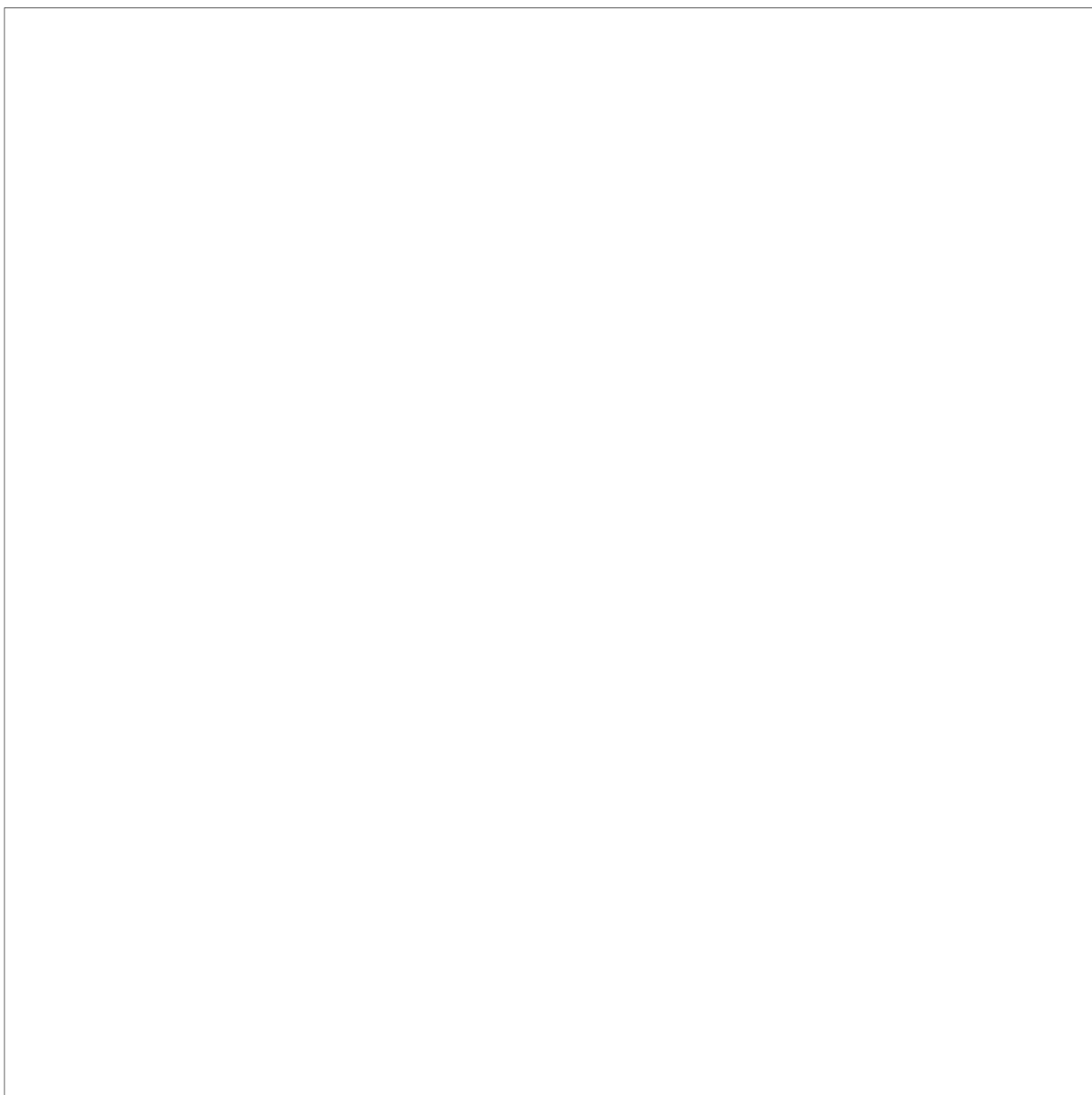
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Saudi Arabia

- (U) Last month [January 13-14] Secretary Pompeo traveled to Riyadh to meet with King Salman, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Jubeir, and others.
- (U) The breadth of issues they discussed – countering Iran, ensuring the lasting defeat of ISIS, supporting UN efforts to broker a political solution to the Yemen conflict, building the Middle East Strategic Alliance – speaks to the centrality of Saudi Arabia in regional affairs and the many areas in which U.S.-Saudi partnership helps further U.S. strategic objectives.



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RELEASE IN FULL**7031c) ANTI-KLEPTOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.—****(1) INELIGIBILITY.—**

(A) Officials of foreign governments and their immediate family members about whom the Secretary of State has credible information have been involved in significant corruption, including corruption related to the extraction of natural resources, or a gross violation of human rights shall be ineligible for entry into the United States.

(B) The Secretary shall also publicly or privately designate or identify officials of foreign governments and their immediate family members about whom the Secretary has such credible information without regard to whether the individual has applied for a visa.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Individuals shall not be ineligible if entry into the United States would further important United States law enforcement objectives or is necessary to permit the United States to fulfill its obligations under the United Nations Headquarters Agreement: *Provided*, That nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to derogate from United States Government obligations under applicable international agreements.

(3) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that the waiver would serve a compelling national interest or that the circumstances which caused the individual to be ineligible have changed sufficiently.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report, including a classified annex if necessary, to the Committees on Appropriations and the Committees on the Judiciary describing the information related to corruption or violation of human rights concerning each of the individuals found ineligible in the previous 12 months pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) as well as the individuals who the Secretary designated or identified pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), or who would be ineligible but for the application of paragraph (2), a list of any waivers provided under paragraph (3), and the justification for each waiver.

(5) POSTING OF REPORT.—Any unclassified portion of the report required under paragraph (4) shall be posted on the Department of State Web site.

(6) CLARIFICATION.—For purposes of paragraphs (1)(B), (4), and (5), the records of the Department of State and of diplomatic and consular offices of the United States pertaining to the issuance or refusal of visas or permits to enter the United States shall not be considered confidential.

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Subj: Scenesetter for Secretary of Energy Perry's December 9-10 Visit to Saudi Arabia

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1. ~~(SBU)~~ **Summary:** Secretary Perry, Embassy Riyadh warmly welcomes you back to Saudi Arabia. Your visit to the Eastern Province comes at a time of oil price volatility, renewed sanctions against Iran, and uncertainty about potential fallout from the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul.



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Fallout from Khashoggi Murder, Push to Move On

2. ~~(SBU)~~ As President Trump has stated, the October 2 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was a terrible crime that is fundamentally inconsistent with American values. The U.S. government has taken decisive measures against the individuals responsible, including visa and sanctions actions. On November 15, the United States imposed sanctions on seventeen Saudi Arabian individuals for serious human rights abuse for their roles in the Khashoggi murder. This action was taken under the authority of Executive Order 13818, which implements and builds upon the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act. As a result, all of these individuals' assets within U.S. jurisdiction are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. These sanctions demonstrate that the United States does not tolerate this kind of ruthless action to silence journalists through violence. The U.S. government has committed to exploring additional

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measures to hold those accountable who planned, led, and were connected to the murder, while maintaining the important strategic relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia. For its part, Saudi Arabian leadership has condemned the killing of Khashoggi, conducted an investigation of the crime, and charged eleven people with committing a crime. The SAG is also investigating an additional ten people for their possible involvement.

3. ~~(SBU)~~ The final impact of Khashoggi's murder on Saudi Arabia remains unclear. As more details emerged in the days following the killing, a number of high-profile leaders withdrew their participation in Saudi Arabia's Future Investment Initiative (FII), dubbed "Davos in the Desert," a three-day conference designed to bring together global economic leaders and showcase investment opportunities in the Kingdom (ref A). In the end, at least 68 leaders from government, business, finance, and the media publicly cancelled their participation in the October 23-25 FII. Yet, less than two months later, it appears that a concerted Saudi effort to demonstrate support for the Crown Prince and return to business-as-usual is gaining traction. In response to Khashoggi's murder, Khalid al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources, said that while "no one...can justify or explain" Khashoggi's death, he emphasized that the Kingdom is in the "midst of a historic transformation of unprecedented proportions...that will not be stopped." Amin Nasser, CEO of Saudi Aramco, told CNN that "everybody is sorry for the death (of Khashoggi)," but said "...at the end of the day, we need to move beyond it." While some companies considering entering the Saudi market have expressed deep concerns about proceeding after the tragedy, many others have begun to look beyond the murder and are actively seeking new opportunities. A number of American companies have communicated their commitment to the Saudi market. At the FII, U.S. companies were among those signing MOUs and commercial agreements worth \$50 billion, including Halliburton, Baker Hughes GE, Schlumberger, Air Products and Chemicals, FlexSteel Pipelines, National Oilwell Varco, and Greenbrier Companies. At a subsequent event in late November, Saudi Aramco awarded an additional \$27.5 billion in contracts to a long list of companies that included American businesses, such as Baker Hughes GE, Schlumberger, Honeywell, and Emerson Electric, among others. According to contacts at these and other U.S. companies that have worked in the Kingdom for decades, they are here to stay for the long-term and, as with previous difficult periods – including the aftermath of September 11 – they plan to weather the storm.

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Subject: Abizaïd Update + Briefing Materials
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Martina,

Peter and I thoroughly enjoyed our introductory two days with Gen Abizaïd this week. He was gracious, smart, funny, and genuinely interested in both policy and the mechanics of managing Mission Saudi Arabia. Long way of saying – fingers crossed that he indeed gets a hearing in the coming weeks. The current plan is for him to come back to HST on Thursday, February 21 for additional consultations and a murder board in preparation for meetings with SFRC staffers the following day.

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Best,

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Senior Saudi Arabia Desk Officer
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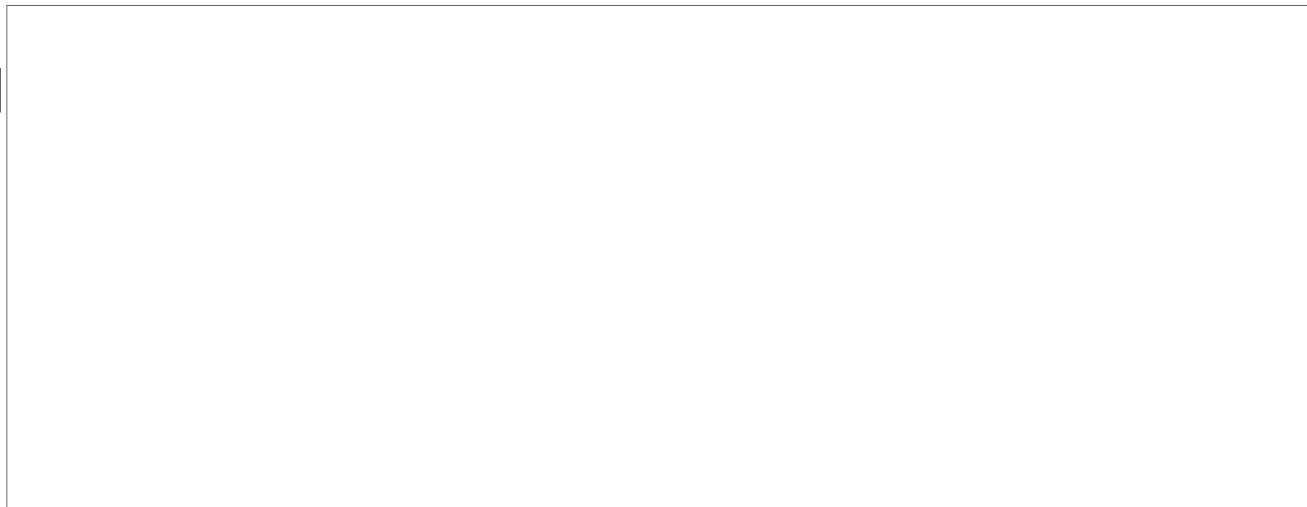
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(SBU) Since the Saudi government's November 15 announcement of eleven indictments in the Jamal Khashoggi murder case and an ongoing investigation of 10 other suspects, the Saudi Public Prosecutor has held two hearings; the next is planned for March. Senior Saudi officials have made clear they consider calls for the Crown Prince to accept responsibility for Khashoggi's October 2, 2018 killing and step aside as insulting to the royal family and an interference in Saudi sovereign affairs.

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DAS Lenderking's February 5 Briefing to HFAC; Building Blocks and Q&As

Intro

- (SBU) I speak with you today understanding the strains on the U.S.-Saudi bilateral relationship. We at the State Department are cognizant that while Saudi Arabia is a key political, economic, and security partner in the Middle East, it also has a role in the Yemen conflict, took the life of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, and remains politically illiberal.
- (SBU) What I would like to do today is to underscore why, despite these challenges, our relationship with Saudi Arabia is important, serves U.S. interests, and is worth preserving.
- (SBU) I would also like to discuss how the Department's efforts to achieve peace in Yemen are progressing, and how we are addressing the Yemeni people's urgent humanitarian needs.

Saudi Arabia

- (U) Last month [January 13-14] Secretary Pompeo traveled to Riyadh to meet with King Salman, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Jubeir, and others.
- (U) The breadth of issues they discussed – countering Iran, ensuring the lasting defeat of ISIS, supporting UN efforts to broker a political solution to the Yemen conflict, building the Middle East Strategic Alliance – speaks to the centrality of Saudi Arabia in regional affairs and the many areas in which U.S.-Saudi partnership helps further U.S. strategic objectives.
- (SBU) To give just one example of how our relationship with Saudi Arabia benefits the United States and enhances global security: the Secretary speaks regularly with the Crown Prince and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs regarding Yemen. During the UN-led peace talks in Sweden last December, the Secretary underscored to the Saudis the need to press the Republic of Yemen Government to consider in good faith UN-proposed confidence building measures to further the broader peace process.
- (SBU) In turn, the Saudis did just that; by all accounts, the Crown Prince personally pressed a skeptical Yemeni president Hadi to accept the UN proposals, including the Hudaydah ceasefire and redeployment plan.
- (SBU) In addition, the Saudis have heeded our calls for the Coalition to exercise restraint during this fragile period, even as the Houthis continue to launch drone attacks against targets on Saudi soil.

- (SBU) Only through a close partnership are we able to successfully deliver these messages. To consider retreating from this relationship is to consider losing our influence.
- (SBU) This is not to say that the Saudis are doing everything we want them to do in Yemen, nor in their own country.
- (SBU) We are acutely aware of the shortcomings in how the Saudis have handled the fallout of the horrific killing of Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul on October 2.
- (SBU) Riyadh's initial denial of responsibility for the killing, its halfhearted investigation into the killing, and its continued blaming of Qatar and Turkey for negative attention on the killing help no one.
- (SBU) We do appreciate that the Saudi Public Prosecutor indicted 11 Saudi officials in connection with Mr. Khashoggi's killing, held its first two hearings for the indicted last month [January 3 and January 31], and allowed a U.S. diplomat to attend these hearings.
- (SBU) Even so, these indictments are not enough to meet the threshold of both credibility and accountability in this case.
- (SBU) The Secretary delivered this exact message to the King and Crown Prince in Riyadh, and it is something I myself have said publicly. We are making very clear to the Saudis that the world is watching and waiting for full accountability in this case.
- (SBU) Absent full accountability, the United States Government, other key Western allies, and global investors will continue to view Saudi Arabia with apprehension, with myriad negative consequences for the Kingdom.
- (SBU) And we will continue to take our own actions when necessary. After imposing travel bans on 21 Saudi officials and Global Magnitsky sanctions on 17 Saudi officials last November, we stand ready to take additional measures if new information comes to light.
- (SBU) In addition, we plan to meet with Agnes Callamard, UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary executions, when she visits Washington as part of her investigation into Khashoggi's killing.
- (SBU) We also continue to raise with senior Saudi leadership the issue of detained Saudi human rights activists and perceived dissidents.
- (SBU) In addition to underscoring our enduring commitment to freedom of speech and human rights, we also stress to the Saudis that political repression endangers the many positive reforms -- economic diversification, restricting the religious police, and allowing women to drive -- the Crown Prince has enacted.

- (SBU) In sum, our relationship with Saudi Arabia gives us significant leverage with arguably the most important strategic actor in the Middle East. While we share your frustration with Saudi Arabia over a number of issues, including Mr. Khashoggi's killing, we firmly believe that actions to restrain our bilateral relationship hinder our ability to further U.S. objectives in the region.

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Hi Ed,



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I would like to see this again. If you would like to discuss, please stop by tomorrow morning. Thanks,
Martina

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Jeff,
Please advise if you wish to clear on attached topline from PAS, attached with a few minor (untracked) edits from A/DCM. Note that the only new/updated areas are Brunson, Khashoggi, and econ.

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Hi Scott,
For clearance, please see attached. PAS does not have a version with tracked edits from the previously cleared topline, but advises that the 3 areas of update include Brunson, Khashoggi, econ. All other language is still the previously cleared version.

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Enclosed is the updated Toplines/Q+A document for review. Thanks! [redacted]

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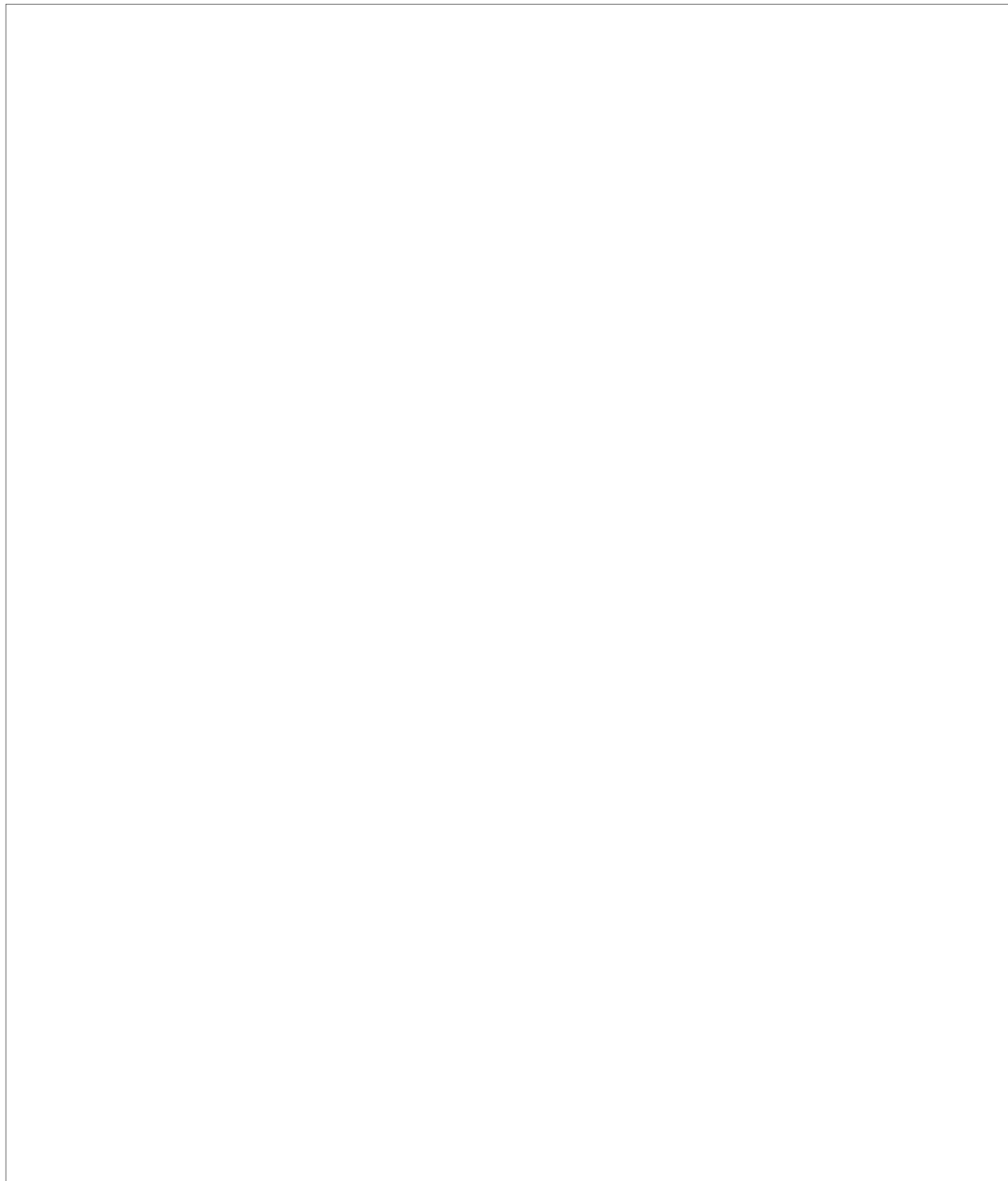
Khashoggi case: We refer you to Washington.



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Jamal Khashoggi

Refer all questions to Washington. Below is informational only, from the Secretary's briefing on October 23.

- The State Department will continue to seek all relevant facts, consult with Congress, and work with other nations, and work to hold accountable those responsible for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi.
- The administration is also taking appropriate actions now, given the information currently available to the United States.
- We have identified at least some of the individuals responsible, including those in the intelligence services, the Royal Court, the foreign ministry, and other Saudi ministries who we suspect to have been involved in Mr. Khashoggi's death.
- We are taking appropriate actions, which include revoking visas, entering visa lookouts, and other measures.
- We are also working with the Treasury Department to review the applicability of Global Magnitsky sanctions to those individuals.
- These penalties will not be the last word on this matter from the United States.
- We will continue to explore additional measures to hold those responsible accountable.
- We're making very clear that the United States does not tolerate this kind of ruthless action to silence Mr. Khashoggi, a journalist, through violence.
- We continue to maintain a strong partnership with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Neither the President nor I am happy with this situation.
- Our shared strategic interests with Saudi Arabia remain.
- We continue to view as achievable the twin imperatives of protecting America and holding accountable those responsible for the killing of Mr. Khashoggi.
- This is certainly not the last step that we will take, that we will continue to do our own efforts, our own fact finding, to make sure the decision that the United States makes are based on real facts and real data that we can confirm ourselves.
- We'll certainly take information that comes from other sources, the Turkish intelligence services, the Saudis.
- We will evaluate that information, validate that information, and form our own judgments about the facts and then hold those responsible accountable based on the facts that we determine are appropriate.
- We will work with Congress. I've spoken to our allies around the world. We want to make sure that everyone understands that the United States doesn't believe that the killing of Jamal Khashoggi was anything other than a horrific act. And we hope that we can work together, both with Congress and our allies, to hold those responsible accountable.
- We're learning the facts and as facts unfold, as we continue to develop our understanding of the individuals that were responsible for this, who not only executed it but led and were involved and were connected to it, the world should know that we intend to hold those individuals accountable when we develop that fact set.
- We're going to accept what America learns. We're going to accept the data set that we're able to develop. We've got people working all across the world to figure out what we can

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know, what's knowable, to figure out which facts we can determine to put our own understanding together.

- I talked about the work that we've asked Treasury to help the State Department with on Global Magnitsky. That's got to be our work.
- We have to develop our own data set on which we have reliable evidence in order to base such a judgment to find someone as having violated U.S. law.
- So it will be our work to do. We will – as always in my former role, all sorts of intelligence, so we'll take in all the data set but we will validate it, we will verify it, we will learn the facts for ourselves, and then we'll --
- The Turks have been very cooperative with us and the Turks have told us that the Saudis have cooperated with them as well.
- As we learn, we will share those facts. And more importantly, you will see the United States hold the persons that we believe should be held accountable – hold them accountable. You can rest assured that President Trump is committed to that.

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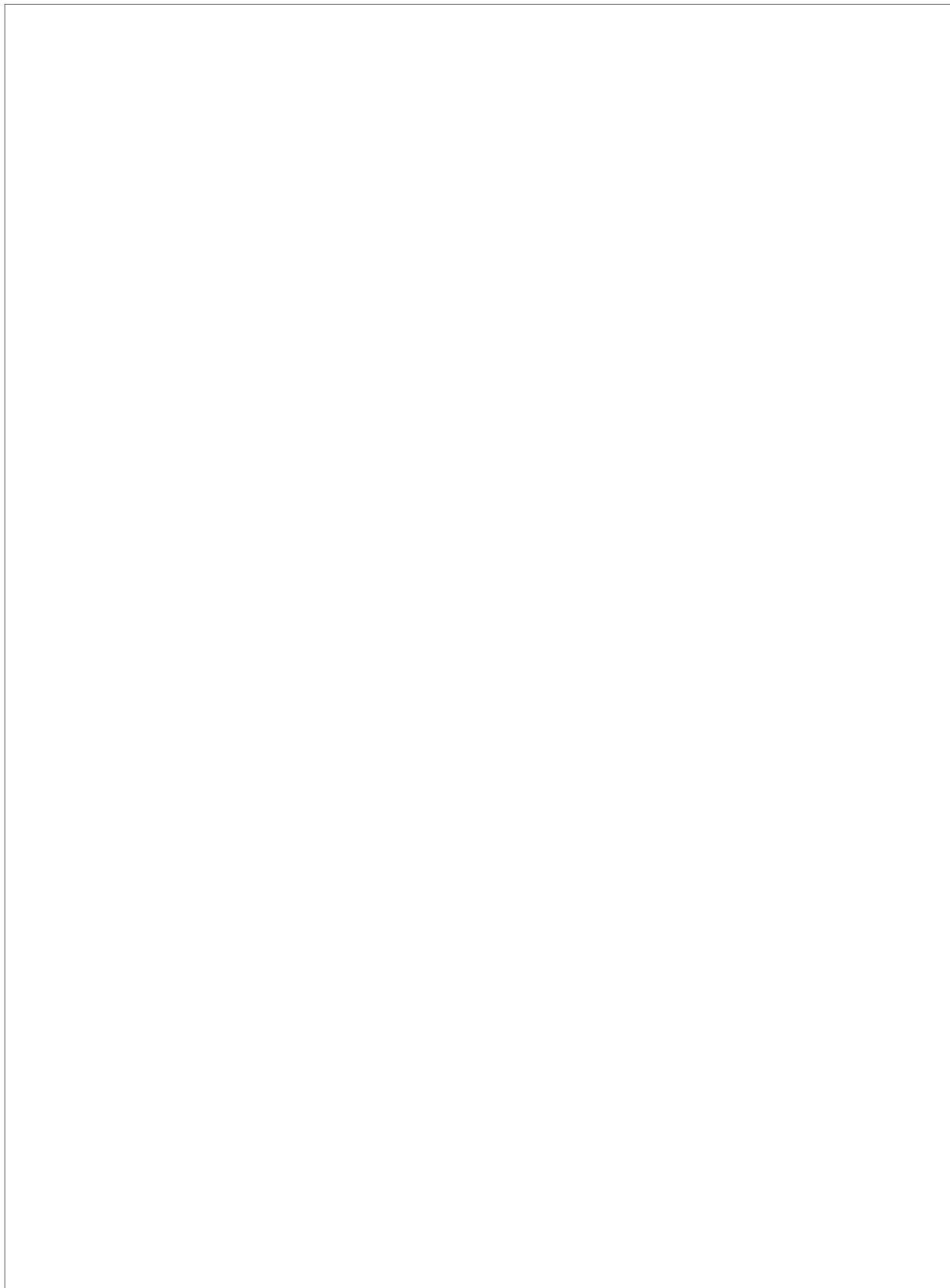
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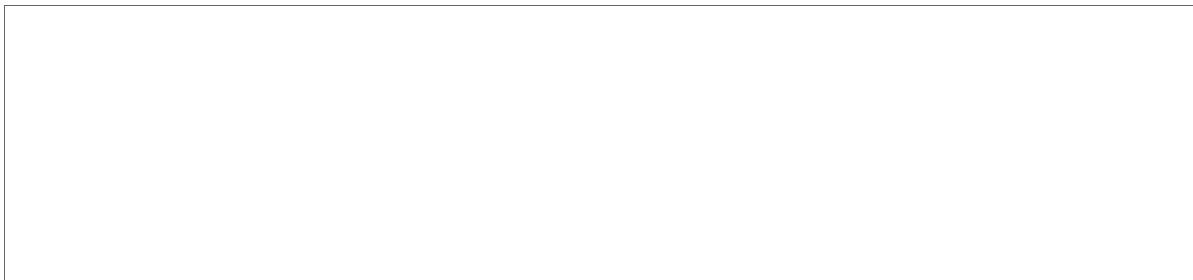
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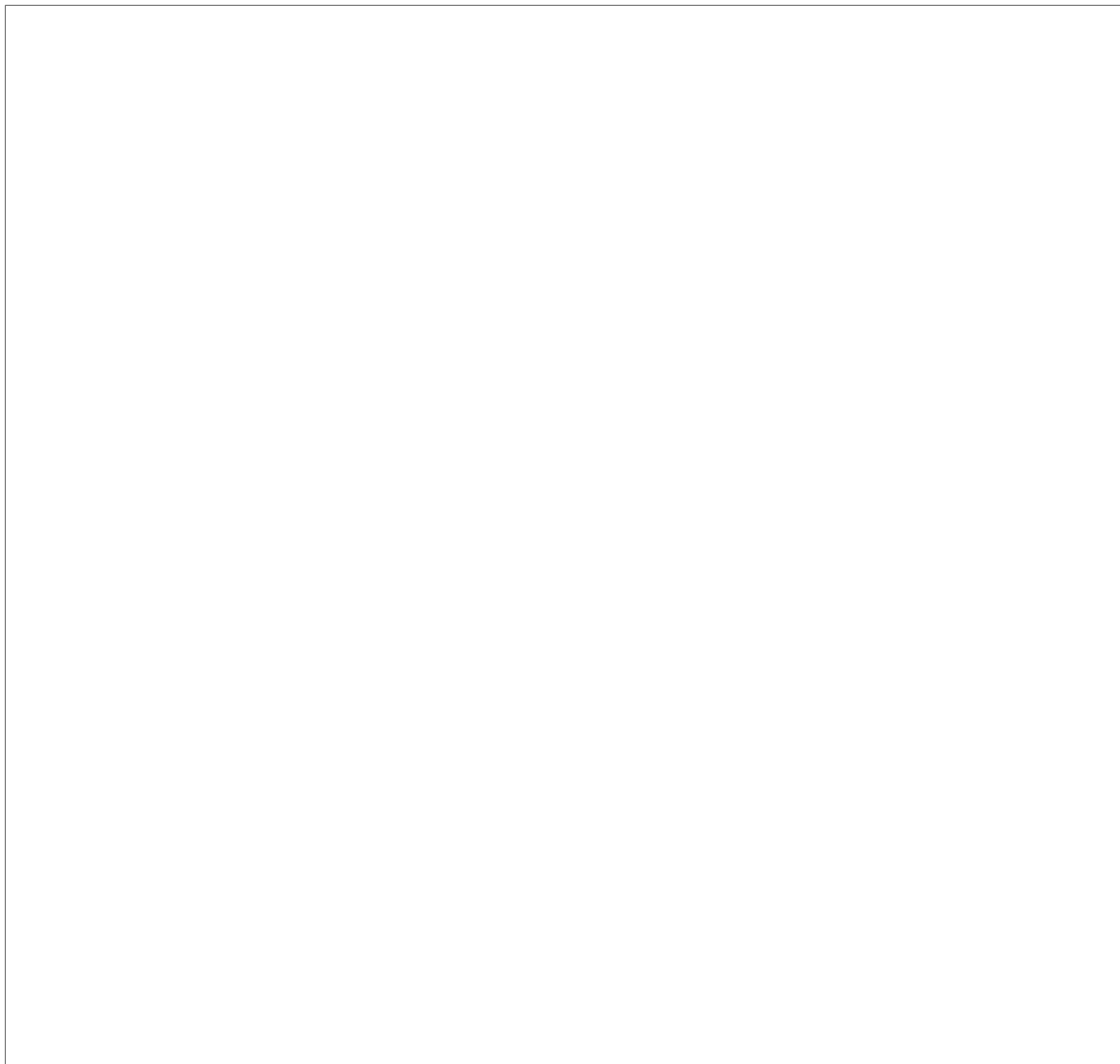
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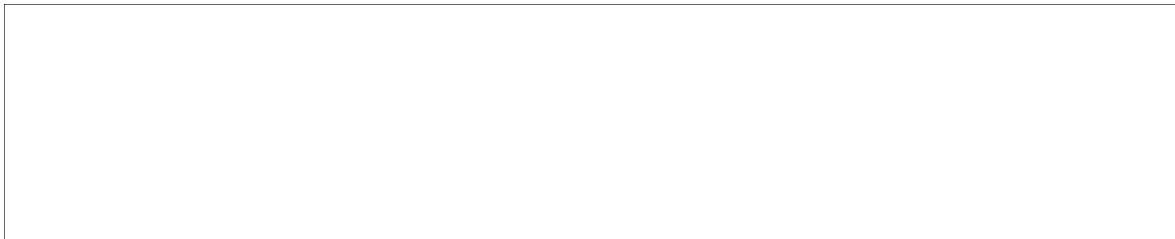
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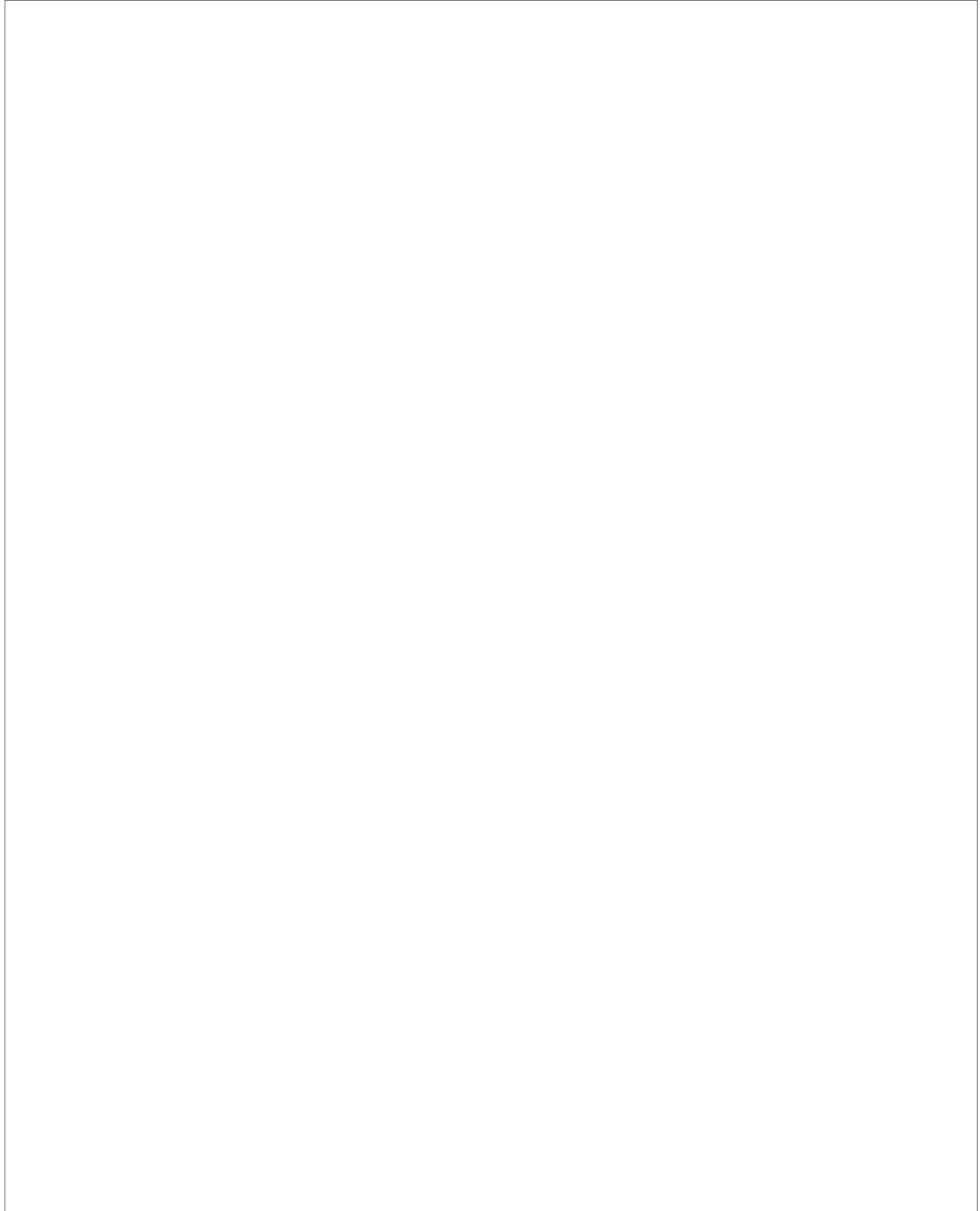
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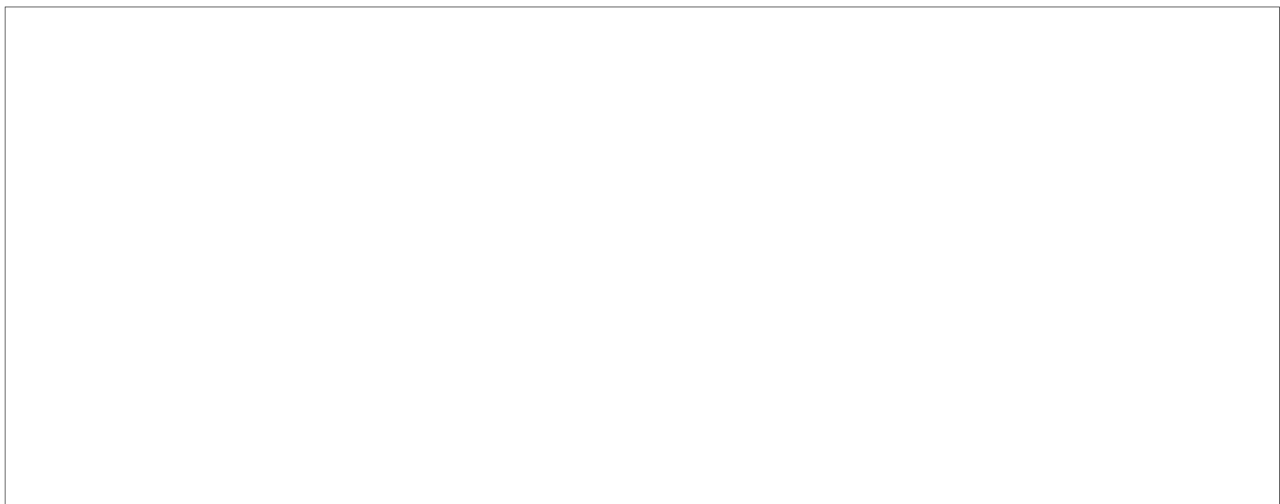
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David,

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Best,

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1. (SBU) **Summary:** Embassy Riyadh warmly welcomes STAFFDEL Resnick to Saudi Arabia. Your engagements with senior Saudi officials will provide opportunities to discuss the U.S.-Saudi bilateral partnership, cooperation on key shared priorities, especially counterterrorism, and the impact of malign Iranian influence on the stability and security in the region. Indeed, countering Iran's influence in the region remains a focal point for Saudi Arabia's foreign policy and underpins Saudi efforts in the ongoing Yemen conflict. The U.S.-Saudi bilateral relationship has spanned eight decades, but has been challenged recently by the murder of Jamal Khashoggi. The Saudi Arabian government has charted a course of far-reaching economic and social initiatives known as Vision 2030. Reforms driven by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman have led to more changes in the past two years than Saudi Arabia had experienced in the preceding twenty years. **End Summary.**

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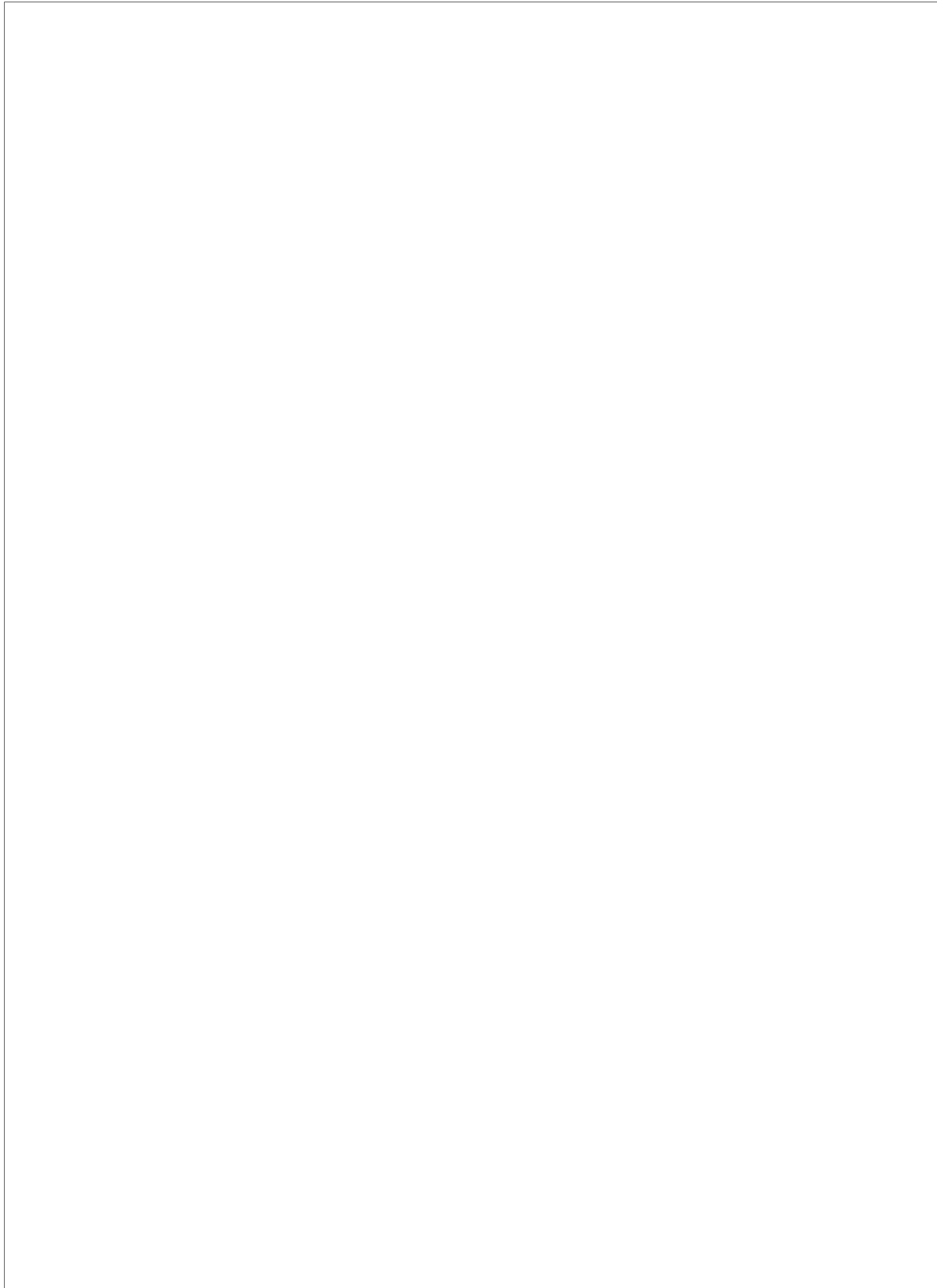
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14. (SBU) Saudi Arabia's response to the Jamal Khashoggi continues. The Saudi leadership has indicted eleven suspects involved in planning or executing the attack on Khashoggi, with the latest criminal hearing held on January 31. Five of the suspects are facing capital murder charges. On November 15, 2018, the United States designated 17 Saudi Arabian individuals under the Global Magnitsky sanctions program for their involvement in the killing of Khashoggi. The Saudi government has also announced sweeping reforms to its intelligence services. The Saudi leadership has bristled at suggestions that the Crown Prince was responsible for the crime. Saudi officials connect these suggestions to what they argue is a Turkish-Qatari attempt to embarrass and undermine the Crown Prince and Saudi sovereignty. The U.S. government continues to urge Saudi authorities to hold accountable all those responsible for the Jamal Khashoggi murder and to prevent similar abuses in the future.

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Media Note
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April 8, 2019

Today, Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo is publicly designating the following individuals for their roles in the murder of Jamal Khashoggi:

- Saud al-Qahtani
- Maher Mutreb
- Salah Tubaigy
- Meshal Albostani
- Naif Alarifi
- Mohammed Alzahrani
- Mansour Abahussain
- Khalid Alotaibi
- Abdulaziz Alhawsawi
- Waleed Alsehri
- Thaar Alharbi
- Fahad Albalawi
- Badr Alotaibi
- Mustafa Almadani
- Saif Alqahtani
- Turki Alsehri

These designations are made under Section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2019 (Section 7031(c)).

Section 7031(c) provides that, in cases where the Secretary of State has credible information that officials of foreign governments have been involved in significant corruption or gross violations of human rights, those individuals and their immediate family members are ineligible for entry into the United States. The law requires the Secretary of State to publicly or privately designate such officials and their immediate family members.

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Dear NEA,

Just a quick note to say thank you!! Our bureau is the best. Amazing work this morning in getting the points turned around so quickly. You'll see we added in a couple of contingency points for WHA.

Will give a readout as soon as the call is done. We're aiming for 11 AM start.

Best regards,

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